

CEDAR BLUFF MIDDLE SCHOOL
General Music Syllabus

WELCOME TO GENERAL MUSIC!

General Music is a semester or quarter - long related arts class where students continue their musical training through playing guitar, world music drumming, reading music and learning to play keyboard.

<https://www.knoxschools.org/site/handlers/filedownload.ashx?moduleinstanceid=29323&dataid=56708&FileName=6-8%20General%20Music%20Standards.pdf>

INSTRUCTION:

Skills Covered in Class: Students will be learning to read music, playing songs, scales and exercises, complete in-class performance tests, and engage in guided listening and class discussions.

Students will have the opportunity to perform in school and community concerts.

Materials Needed for class: pencil, notebook paper, 2-pocket folder.
(The folder is due by Monday August 12, 2019.)

State Standards: Perform (P) Sing (1), play(2), read (5) 1. Select, analyze, interpret 2. Develop and refine 3. Convey meaning through presentation Create (Cr) Improve (3), compose (4) 4. Generate and conceptualize 5. Organize and develop 6. Refine and complete Respond (R) Listen (6),analyze (7) 7. Perceive and analyze artistic work 8. Interpret intent and meaning 9. Apply criteria to evaluate Connect (Cn) Connect (8), historical (9) 10. Synthesize and relate knowledge and personal experience 11. Relate artistic ideas and works with societal, cultural, and historical context to deepen understanding

ASSESSMENT:

Grading Policy is Cedar Bluff Middle School Grading Policy.

Collecting and completing absent and late work is the student's responsibility.

PLAYING AND WRITTEN TESTS /PERFORMANCES= 40% of final grade

Students will perform for each other in class, from the songs and curriculum learned there.

This is a non-performing group, meaning that students are not required to give a community performance, however they are required to play by themselves and in small groups within the class.

Evaluative playing tests will be held periodically (at least twice each nine week grading period.) These "playing opportunities" are absolutely invaluable. They help you set goals and develop performance skills. They help me evaluate your strengths and weaknesses so that I can give you written feedback and help you grow as a musician.

WORK HABITS AND PARTICIPATION: 40% of final grade

General Music is a “doing” based class, and all students are expected to participate fully throughout the entire class time. All CBMS Conduct rules apply in Chorus Class:

1. ALWAYS respect teacher & classmates
2. Work and play TOGETHER
3. Do not abuse materials (books, music, etc.)
4. PARTICIPATE fully

RETURN MATERIALS, JOURNALS, Prepared for class : 20 % of final grade

Each student will be expected to keep a journal/folder in class. This journal and folder will consist of written responses from listening as well as music theory applications from class studies. The folder for this class is due MONDAY August 13th, 2018.

Class Fees: There is a \$10.00 Supply cost. All costs are used to supply students with sheet music and other music materials in the classroom. This cost provides each child with the necessary music to be able to learn to read music and learn instrumental skills.

I am very excited to be working with the students and the community! This is my 25th year of teaching vocal/general music and I am so glad to be a part of the CBMS family. If you ever need to contact me, please email me at edie.taylor@knoxschools.org .

You can also call the school and leave a message at 539-7891.

Please sign and return the attached form as well as your 10.00 supply cost money by Monday, August 12th 2019. I look forward to meeting you soon!

Sincerely,

Eddie Taylor

****Sign and return to Mrs. Taylor by Monday, Aug.
12th, with your check made out to CBMS for
10.00****

*Please put all items in a sealed envelope with your child's
name printed on the front*

**I HAVE READ THE GENERAL MUSIC
SYLLABUS AND UNDERSTAND WHAT
IS REQUIRED FOR THIS CLASS.**

STUDENT NAME (please print first and last name)

STUDENT SIGNATURE_____

PARENT SIGNATURE_____

Don't forget your 2 pocket folder!