



Southern Lehigh School District

Middle School Syllabus

Grade 8 General Music (708)

2014-2015

Course Description:

This course is designed to give students a basic understanding of the elements of music. The course content is chosen to prepare the students to be lifelong consumers and/or performers of music.

Course Content:

- * Elements of Music - Review
- * What is Music?
- * Intermediate Guitar Performance Skills
- * Music Composition
- * Introductory Piano Performance Skills
- * Favorite Song Podcast
- * History of American Popular Music

Required Textbooks and/or Other Reading/Research Materials

Making Music by March, H.C., Schmid, W. & Stauffer, S.L. Silver-Burdett (2005).

PreTime Piano Favorites by Faber, N. & Faber, R. FJH Music Company (1989).

PlayTime Piano Favorites by Faber, N. & Faber, R. FJH Music Company (1989).

Beginning Guitar: At a Glance Series by Mueller, M. & Johnson, C. Hal Leonard (2008).

Teacher Generated Supplementary Materials

Course Requirements:

Students are expected to bring the following materials to each class:

- * Notebook - Three-Ring Binder or Pocket Folder with fasteners for loose-leaf paper
- * Loose-leaf paper
- * Pencil or pen

Students will complete the following:

- * Quizzes/Tests
- * Compositions
- * Classwork/Homework
- * Projects

Grade Components/Assessments:

Grades will be based on a point system that will be converted into overall percentages (student's total earned points divided by the total possible points). Graded items may include assignments, projects, tests/quizzes, performance assessments and class participation.

Required Summer Reading/Assignments:

No summer reading/assignments are required for this course.