

Music Syllabus 2020-2021

For Grades 10-12

Assessment

- Class Participation 35%
- Performances 30%
- Playing Tests & Quizzes 20%
- Assignments/Projects 15%

Personal practicing is expected to be completed regularly each week, however, there will be no practice sheets to complete/submit. Instead, students are required to complete bi-weekly playing or singing quizzes on the Practice First app. Each student will receive their own account and login information. To add to this, each instrument group is required to attend one **weekly sectional practice** during lunch time. Attendance at the sectional is counted toward your participation grade.

Class Participation

Students are expected to come to class promptly and prepared with their instrument, music, folder and pencil. Appropriate class participation includes respecting the teacher and classmates, and participating by playing or singing with effort, energy and enthusiasm. Sometimes, good class participation means being quiet and just listening! At other times, it means helping a peer to perform their part better. Basically, use common sense and be cooperative with a positive attitude. We all want to make great music together!

Performances

Participation in performances is mandatory. Music is a performing art and therefore all students are required to take part. Performances will include, but not limited to: chapel singing or playing, church presentations, in-school special events and assemblies, community events, Christmas concert and spring concert. Students are expected to plan well in advance to make sure they are at the performance location on time for the warmup and prepared with appropriate performance attire and instrument. Performance events will be posted on the school website calendar at least one month prior to the date.

Performance Attire

For performances requiring formal wear, students will wear the following:

Girls – All black dress with sleeves, modest neckline, black pantyhose and black dress shoes. Or, a black top with black pants – NO RIPPED JEANS. A **blue scarf** will be provided and must be returned after the performance.

Boys – A black long-sleeved shirt with a collar, black pants and belt, and black dress

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For performances requiring casual wear, students will wear the following:

FVAA Music T-shirt, jeans (no rips!) and dark shoes. The FVAA Music T-shirt can be purchased from the music department for \$15.00.

Tests, Quizzes, and Assignments

Unless otherwise stated, all **playing tests and quizzes** will be completed on the Music First online platform using the Practice First app. Students will be required to play/sing the selected part into their own device which has the Practice First app downloaded. This app will become available to the student once the setup for the class is completed.

Assignments may be on the Music First platform or not, depending on the assignment and/or project. Assignments/projects may include theory, research, listening activity, composition, a concert review, or small ensemble, duet or solo performances.

Fundraisers

Students will cooperate in fundraising projects and events for tours and other performance expenses. Also, the collection of all FVAA beverage recycling containers will be completed bi-weekly by small groups in either the band and choir class. The money raised from these deposits will be allotted to the music tour fund.

Communication

Students will be part of a **High School Band and/or Choir TEAMS group** where they can view any information they will need for their course, including performance dates, a list of tests, quizzes, and assignments, and any updates or other important announcements. They can use this platform to communicate with one another as well as with the teacher. Students are encouraged to use this tool to share their musical adventure with the class!