

Marsh Jr. High Drumming

Course Outline

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Course Description and Objectives: Drumline is an interactive, performance based class that is intended to introduce students to the world of music and percussion. Students will perform as a group and as individuals on buckets and traditional percussion equipment. Topics/skills to be covered include:

- Efficient and safe hand technique
- Counting, timing, and rhythmic development
- Basic drumming rudiments
- Reading and notation skills, including sight-reading and music composition
- Music theory
- Development of academic vocabulary
- Ear-training and listening skills
- Equipment care and maintenance
- Exploration and performance of the music and drumming of various cultures

How Students Are Graded:

Music Theory and Dictation

Students will be assigned rhythmic dictation and theory assignments that will help further the understanding of the music we are studying. These will be collected weekly.

Composition Projects

Students will compose one formal piece of music based on the concepts we are studying in each unit and perform it for the class. These will be graded on the student's ability to follow the directions of each composition assignment.

Unit Assessments

Each unit will end with an assessment to gauge students comprehension of the vocabulary and concepts studied in that unit.

Performance Assessments

Students will be asked to demonstrate the skills of each unit with both in and out of class performances, both as individuals and in small groups.

Participation

Students earn points for participating fully each day with the class.

*Extra credit opportunities to be assigned as they come up throughout the semester.

Materials:

Buckets and sticks are provided for all students. If a student wishes to bring their own sticks, please label them with their name.

Students should bring a pencil and paper to each class.

Rules

- 1. Be respectful. Be responsible. Be safe. THE GATOR WAY!**
- 2. Phones** are to be powered down and in a backpack during the school day. Phones that are being used are subject to confiscation and may be retrieved from the office at the end of the day.
- 3. Food, drinks** (other than water) are not allowed in class.
- 4. Bathroom breaks** are not to take place during the first or last 10 minutes of class. Students will receive 5 bathroom passes per semester and should otherwise plan to use the restroom in between classes.

If a student chooses not to show respect, the following steps will be taken:

1. Verbal warning
2. Take 5 slip (to be signed by parent/guardian)
3. Detention/Referral/Meeting with administrator

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at aking@chicousd.org. I am here to help you/your student succeed!

-Austin King