

Rocky Mountain Lutheran High School

MUSIC 9: INSTRUMENTAL CLASS COURSE SYLLABUS

INSTRUCTOR: MISS PRESSER

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Course Description

Instrumental Class is a course where students can learn the basics of music through performance of a band instrument. Students will learn basic individual and group performance skills, music theory and history as well as critical listening and music analysis skills. Students will learn how to play a band instrument and read music. They will learn the fundamentals of playing in an ensemble and will perform at a number of concerts throughout the year. Students will be responsible for attending all concerts. Student will perform at basic proficiency on one of several band instruments; Flute, Clarinet, Saxophone, Trumpet, Trombone, Baritone, Tuba, Percussion- all subject to director discretion.

Course Materials

- Methods and Theory Textbooks
- Pencil
- Instrument

Course Requirements and Expectations

Students in this class are expected to

- participate in all classroom activities.
- complete all homework assignments.
- respect the opinions of others.
- come to class prepared, every day, on time.
- follow the rules and procedures outlined in this syllabus.

Grading Procedures

Overall grades will follow the schools grading scale.

Grades will be compiled using the following percentages.

Assignments/Quizzes	50%
Classroom Participation	15%
Exams	25%
Final Exam	10%

Classroom Policies

LATE WORK: I WILL accept late work! Let me emphasize that it is your responsibility for completing the work. Credit for unexcused late work will be reduced to a maximum of 50%. Credit for excused late work will not be reduced but must be submitted by the date determined by the teacher.

TARDINESS: Being late to class not only means you miss out on classroom activities, but that your disruption and distraction causes others to miss out as well. If you are late to a class and are unexcused please wait outside the door until I allow you to come in. Continual tardiness will result in a reduction of your grade.

CAN I GO...?: To your locker? To the bathroom? To get a drink? Generally the answer is **no**. Take care of your personal needs on your own time and come to class prepared. However, situations do arise when it becomes necessary for you to leave the room. If you need to leave, please wait for an appropriate time to ask.

EXTRA CREDIT: There will be a few occasions, extra credit assignments will be offered. Extra credit will not be counted toward your grade until the end of the quarter.

COMMUNICATION: There is no reason for you to ever wonder what your grade is. Please feel free to ask for your grade at any time. I will give you your cumulative grade after each chapter exam, so hopefully there will be no surprises.

CLASS PARTICIPATION: Active participation during class is expected and can be demonstrated by asking questions of and answering questions from the teacher. Students are also expected to participate fully in all group projects.

DISCIPLINE: By now you have been in school for enough years to understand what behavior is expected of you. Disciplined behavior is expected of you at all times. The bottom line of any set of rules and regulations for classroom behavior is *respect*. Demonstrate respect for the people and property in the classroom, and we will have a terrific year.

EXTRA HELP: If you find that you need additional help from the instructor, "My door is always open." Please ask me anything. I will be in the office every morning by 7:30 am. I am willing to meet with you at any time that is available.

As a student in Miss Presser's class, I have read and understand the syllabus for Instrumental Class. I agree to abide by these rules and procedures, and to ask questions when I don't understand.

Signed,

_____ Dated: _____

Printed Student Name

As a parent, I have also read and understand the policies and expectations set forth in this syllabus for Instrumental Class. I will support these policies by encouraging my student to follow them.

Signed,

_____ Dated: _____

Parent Email Address

Best Contact Phone Number
