

## GENERAL MUSIC 2019-2020

Welcome to Music! This quarter-long class follows the Illinois State Board of Education standards for Music Education. Throughout the quarter, all students will create, perform, connect, and respond to the music making process both collaboratively and independently.

**Create** – Students will create and compose music.

**Perform**– Students will perform regularly through playing, singing, and speaking.

**Respond** – Students will evaluate their work and analyze the relationships between the music-making process and music around us.

**Connect** – Students will synthesize information to create connections across other academic disciplines and apply concepts to their own lives.

### GRADING

Students will be assessed and graded based upon each of the standards - create, perform, connect, and respond. Grades will be determined through a 1-4 numerical system as it relates to the learning targets.

**4** - Exceeds expectations.

**3** - Meets expectations.

**2** - Partial mastery of target. Demonstrates partial understanding, or can perform portions of the target with assistance.

**1**- Little or no mastery. Cannot demonstrate mastery, even with instructor assistance.

### EXPECTATIONS

- Students are expected to come to class on time, ready to work and actively participate.
- Students will handle the equipment with extreme care. Our instruments are very expensive, and we must keep our classroom resources in pristine condition.
- Students will treat each other and Ms. Malito with respect and kindness.
- Assignments will be completed on time.
- Absolutely no use of cell phones unless used with permission by Ms. Malito. It should be kept in a backpack, completely turned off or on airplane mode.
- Live daily by our Conrady R.O.A.R. rules:
  - **R – Respect.**  
Respect your teachers, staff, classmates, and school property.
  - **O – On Task**  
Be on time for class, participate, be active in your learning. Listen to others, control the volume of your voice, and come prepared to each class.
  - **A – Act Safe**

Be aware of personal space. Keep your backpacks under your desk. Follow all instructions carefully.

**o R – Responsible**

Use your time wisely. Plan ahead. Always give your best effort.

**IN OUR CLASS:**

1. We respect each other.
2. We are a team.
3. We are committed.
4. We create.
5. We are focused.
6. We have a positive attitude.
7. We work hard.
8. We never give less than our best.

**CHOIR FRIDAYS**

Every Friday in class, the entire period will be spent learning how to sing as a group. Numerous studies show that singing boosts your immune system, improves posture, lowers stress, increases mental alertness, and boosts confidence.

Every student is expected to actively participate. Refusal to participate will result in a disciplinary referral.

**DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES**

- First Offense – Verbal warning
- Second Offense – Removal from activity
- Third Offense – Parent contact
- Fourth Offense – Referral to the Dean

**CHROMEBOOKS**

- Chromebooks are only to be used in class with permission by Ms. Malito.
- Always come to class with a charged Chromebook.
- Use responsible digital citizenship.

**TEACHER CONTACT:**

Families, please feel free to contact me via phone at 708.233.4566 or email at [amalito@npd117.net](mailto:amalito@npd117.net). I will respond as quickly as possible. Email is preferable, as our phones do not ring during the school day. My plan time is daily from 8:38am-9:20am, so that is when I will be most available during the school day to speak.

I look forward to a fabulous quarter of music making and look forward to our collaboration between teacher, student, and family!

## STUDENT CONTRACT

I, \_\_\_\_\_, have read and agree to adhere to all classroom rules and  
(student name - printed)  
procedures as set forth in the syllabus.

STUDENT SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_