

High Plains School

Music Syllabus 2022-2023

Welcome to the High Plains Music Program! I am looking forward to a fun and educational year. An education in music is one of the best experiences one can pursue. Students involved in music improve as individuals and play an important part in their community as a whole. Music is a part of all of our lives and it is my goal to develop musical skills and appreciation that will last a lifetime for you.

This syllabus is designed for students and parents to clarify what is expected of them and what they can expect from the director. You will find guidelines and procedures that will help us have a successful year.

Classroom Expectations

- Be respectful of your right to learn (in addition to your peers) and of all property in the room.
- Be prepared with all music, materials, and minds ready to learn.
- Be excited and positive! Your ATTITUDE makes a difference to you and others!

Grading Policy

4 – Student meets and can transfer/apply current grade level expectations at an exemplary level.

3 – Student meets grade level expectations.

2 – Student is progressing toward grade level expectations.

1 – Student is emerging toward grade level expectations.

IE – Student has shown Insufficient Evidence (IE) toward grade level expectations. The student is expected to advocate for themselves and correct this grade as soon as possible.

Concerts

Concerts are a time for evaluation and celebration, and are typically the highlight of the year!! Concert attendance is mandatory. An absence from a concert is similar to missing an exam grade, except there is no opportunity to make up for that experience. Concert dates are set well in advance, so plans should be made early. That being said, emergencies happen, and communication with the director will help guide a new plan. The calendar posted on the music website (www.HPSmusic.com) will have the most up-to-date information. Some events throughout the year are “volunteer only”, others are by audition only, and others are for only a specific grade level. Information is also shared on our HPS website, music Instagram (@_hpsmusic), morning announcements, music bulletin boards, and verbally/visually during class time.

Concert dress for all students is professional attire. Students will wear black from the hips down. Students K-5 will wear the HPS music performance shirt. If you do not own a shirt, please speak with Mrs. Lemons to purchase one. These shirts are used for years to come and if sizing changes, you can trade them in throughout the year. After 5th grade, students can also donate their performance shirts back to the music program or keep them to wear and show school pride. Students 6-8 grade wear professional black on top **and** bottom. All performance attire must adhere to the High Plains school dress code. More details will be given to students during class.

Student/Parent Communication

The music website (www.HPSmusic.com) is **the best** resource for information throughout the school year, and it will be updated often. Should there be any problems or concerns the parent will be contacted as soon as possible to discuss the matter; this may be done by phone, email, or in person.

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