



SAMS 6th & 7th grade Exploratory Music Class Syllabus

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Course Description: This course is a sequential class between the two grade levels. SAMS exploratory Music class introduces the Students to the Yamaha LC4 Keyboard Lab and the music composition program, NoteFlight. This hands-on program explores the art of music and develops skills in reading, writing, performing and listening to music. This course encompasses a wide range of musical styles, genres and topics for the purpose of establishing a life-long appreciation for music.

Objectives/Goals:

- Music notation: reading and expanding knowledge and vocabulary
- Rhythm: counting, timing, and rhythmic development
- Basic keyboard hand positions and keyboarding techniques
- Musicality: expand capability of musicality (dynamics, phrasing, expression)
- Form and Cultural/Historical context of music: expanding knowledge
- Explores the use of music technology in composition.
- Practice/Rehearsal/Performance: continue to encourage effective practice and rehearsal habits.

Methods of Evaluation:

6th grade

- Assignments
- Class Participation in building keyboard skills

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7th grade

- Assignments
- Class Participation in building keyboard skills

Course Activities/Topics: include (but not limited to): pentachord hand positions, notation reading, dynamics, phrasing, melodic contour, simple chord progressions, simple compositions, composers and historical and cultural impact on the art of music.

Suggested Supplies

- Yamaha's LC4 keyboard lab (provided)
- Students Chromebook

Class Expectations:

- Have you chrombook with earbuds at every class session.
- Be to class in time
- Participate in class discussions.
- Actively be engaged and willing to try new things.
- Take good care of classroom materials and equipment.
- All students try their best and be part of the team effort!

Classroom Management Plan

Negative Consequences:

1. Warning
2. Loss of privileges (sitting by friend, etc.)
3. Student/Teacher conference
4. Parent notification
5. After school detention (teacher given)
6. Referral to principal

Positive Consequences:

1. Verbal praise
2. Special recognition
3. Expanded privileges
4. Positive note
5. Extra credit
6. Dog Dollars or Paw Pass