

Lost Mountain Middle School Music

Digital Learning Music Appreciation Handbook, 2020-2021

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Welcome to Lost Mountain Middle School! It is with great enthusiasm that we welcome you and introduce you to how we will be learning about and even making music together virtually. The LMMS music programs have established a wonderful tradition of excellence and we are glad you are here!

Your child's participation in our Music Appreciation class is beneficial in many ways. Music students are engaged daily in a highly creative performing art that stimulates the brain in ways other disciplines cannot -- and this growth transfers to academic life. Our music students will develop skills such as teamwork, responsibility, dedication, self-discipline, social skills, confidence, leadership, and dependability.

The purpose of this handbook is to outline the guidelines and expectations for successful music learning and making and to serve as a guide and resource for students and parents. Music Appreciation is a semester long course in which we will learn to create music, connect between cultures and history and technology, perform, and express personal impressions of the music we study. This course is co-taught by all six music teachers at Lost Mountain and we will share in the teaching of each Music Appreciation class throughout the semester.

Students will have a chance to enroll in an instrumental music class once we have returned to Face-To-Face learning and the county has deemed it safe to begin instrumental instruction ☺. For more information on the music programs offered at LMMS, please check out our websites:

Band – www.lmmsband.com

Chorus – www.lmmschorus.com

Orchestra – www.lmmsorchestra.com

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

General Music Foundation Skills, such as (but not limited to):

- Rhythm
- Melody
- Harmony
- Form
- Expression/Dynamics
- Texture
- Tone Color

VIRTUAL "MUSIC APPRECIATION CLASSROOM" EXPECTATIONS

BE RESPECTFUL – Please respect teachers, special instructors, and fellow students.

BE PREPARED – Come to class with all materials required that day, a smile, and ready (even excited!!) to learn about music with your friends!

PARTICIPATE – Either join us live for class with all your materials ready to go OR catch up on a missed class by viewing the lesson from that day on CTLS.

NO FOOD – Just like in our music rooms, when we meet virtually there should be no food, drinks, or gum during our classes. You may have water only. This ensures that your attention is on learning and practicing skills to prepare you for returning to F2F learning 😊.

CLEAN UP – Keep your practice and school work space at home neat and tidy.

DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP

Be Kind. Be Thoughtful. Be Honest.

Maintaining a higher standard of conduct will include ensuring that member websites and communication on social media are appropriate. The internet is a worldwide, publicly accessible form of communication. Students are responsible for their social media presence and postings, as well as what they post on other students' pages. It is important to consider "is it kind, thoughtful, and honest?" before posting or commenting. We want to be supportive of each other in our classes! Everyone should feel welcome to share their ideas 😊.

Our virtual learning classroom will provide ample opportunity for communication with teachers and fellow classmates. Speaking kindly to one another will be a priority in our classroom. Thoughtful and honest responses will be encouraged.

Your privacy is our utmost concern and we will make sure all students feel safe and secure in our digital classroom!

MATERIALS

Have a pencil, assignments, and your positive attitude ready in class! Please refer to the school website for a full list of materials for the 6th Grade.

OFFICE HOURS

The Music Department staff is available Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday from 9:30-10:45AM and during school hours on Wednesday (when not in required Staff Meetings). Please contact us via email and/or CTLS to schedule an appointment so we can be available for you. If these times do not work, we can schedule a time on a one-to-one basis to make sure parent and student needs are met! Use our included emails at the top right margin of this handbook for best contact information.

DISCLAIMER

As we all work together to make virtual learning as successful as possible, the music department reserves the right to alter this syllabus as it becomes necessary to achieve the goals and objectives of this class period. Students will be made aware of any necessary changes in a timely manner. Thank you for your support, dedication, and flexibility as we embark on this new adventure of digital learning in music!

