**MUSIC APPRECIATION**

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**Course Description**

Music Appreciation is a general study of music which allows the students to explore different genres, time periods, and cultures. The class will draw from the GA Performance Standards for MS Music Appreciation. Students will study basic music theory, musical theatre, world music, and the history of various musical time periods. Students will sing, play instruments, compose short pieces, and research different cultures & styles of music. The goal is to provide students with an overall understanding of music and its effects on the world around them.

 **Required Course Materials**

* **Notebook** for notes, listening logs, etc. – Students may want loose paper to turn in for assignments
* **Headphones *(optional)*** – Students will have multiple listening assignments and may want to bring their own headphones to use in class.

***Requested donations***(not required)

* Hand sanitizer
* Kleenex
* Clorox Wipes

 **Attendance**

Attendance is taken ***daily*** at the beginning of class. Students will be counted absent to class if they are not present in the room when the bell rings, and tardy if they come in late **without** a note from a teacher/administrator. Discipline for excessive tardiness to class will fall under the guidelines for Paulding County and Scoggins Middle School.

 **Communication**

Parents may contact me through my email address or the school phone number listed at the top of the syllabus.

 **Classroom Rules**

1. NO food, drinks, gum, or candy in the classroom. Bottled water is acceptable.
2. BE PREPARED – Come into the classroom, *go to your* ***seat***, and get out your materials.
3. BE RESPECTFUL – Treat your teacher, classmates, and yourself with respect.
4. PARTICIPATE – Do the assigned tasks in the class. *Remember that learning something new can be uncomfortable.*
5. BE ENGAGED – Do everything to the best of your ability. Don’t be distracted or a distraction.