

Wayne Trace Junior High
Department of Music
Seventh General Music
Handbook
2010-2011

Raiders

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Course Outline:

This course is designed to give students the experience of different types of music from different parts of the world and to give students a well rounded idea of what music is and a quick study of how it evolved over the years.

Course Outcomes:

The student will be able to:

- Follow classroom procedures
- Meet individual responsibilities for completion of assigned work and self discipline
- Keep a listening journal to be turned in once every two weeks
- Explore composers through the music historical periods

Class Period Attendance Policy:

Every class is worth 20pts per student. If a student is absent a day with an excused absence from the office then those 20pts are not added onto nor taken away from that student's grade. No make up work is assigned. If a student is absent with an unexcused absence then those points are taken away from that student with no make up work as required by the student handbook and practices of Wayne Trace Schools. These points may also be taken away for lack of preparedness for class.

Grading Policy:

20pts per class period

25pts per quiz

assigned points per in class worksheet

50-100pts per test

100pts per listening journal

50pts per listening paper

All grading is posted on ProgressBook no more than two days after collecting the assignment.

Discipline Plan:

If disciplinary actions need to be taken against a student this will be the order according to offences.

- 1) Verbal Warning/Stay after class to discuss behavior
- 2) Verbal Warning/Stay after class to discuss behavior
- 3) Call Home & Disciplinary referral turned into the office
- 4) Call Home & Disciplinary referral turned into the office
- 5) Call Home & Disciplinary referral turned into the office
- 6) Call Home & Disciplinary referral turned into the office
- 7) Call Home & Expelled from class.

What You Can Expect From Me (Mr. Lucas):

- Organization
- Communication
- Patience
- Timeliness
- Preparedness

What I (Mr. Lucas) Expect From You (Student):

- Timeliness
- Readiness to Learn
- Patience
- Preparedness
- Organization
- Your Attention
- Respect for others, others property and others time.
- No Gum!!!

Cell Phones:

According to new school policy all cell phones or other electronic devices will be placed, off, face down on the floor under your chair for the duration of the class. If a student is found to be using their cell phone or electronic device during class time or found anywhere other than under the chair, then the device will be taken from the student and given to Mr. Wilson. The device is then released to a parent/guardian of the student after being held at school for three days.

Music Department Staff:

At times other district Music Department staff may be in the classroom. You are to show the same respect to those teachers as you show Mr. Lucas. Mrs. Wenninger is the accompanist for the jr./sr. high school and will be in class almost every day. She is to be given the same respect as a teacher and can follow the same discipline plan under the authorization of Mr. Lucas.

Materials:

- Pencil/blue or black ink pen
- Notebook paper
- Listening Journal (one subject notebook to be kept at school)
- Textbook provided by the school

Textbooks

The textbooks for our class are brand new this year and must be taken care of. We are currently unsure if the student will receive the textbook to take home. If so then the book must be covered with either a fabric or paper material at all times. If the book is not returned the fee of replacing the book will be assessed to the student's account.

Restroom Privileges:

If you think you will need to use the restroom during this class period you must bring your agenda book to Mr. Lucas before class starts to get it signed. Mr. Lucas will sign it for a specific time for you to use the restroom after the daily listening. No student will leave the class for the restroom or for any other reason without their agenda book signed. No agenda books will be signed after class has started. If there is a problem with this policy for your student due to medical conditions please see Mr. Lucas with a doctor's note to set up a new policy for this student. If a student misuses this policy he/she will have their restroom privileges revoked. Please find a time other than class time to use the restroom.

The Music Room:

I. Main Rehearsal Room

Each person is assigned a seat. Each person must be in that seat during the entire class period. The rehearsal room is to be kept neat and clean at all times. The music room is not your bedroom so do not treat it as such! The percussion equipment stored in the main music room are NOT TO BE TOUCHED by those who do not play them.

II. Percussion Room, Uniform Room, Storage Room, Instrument Storage Room, Practice Room

These rooms are off limits unless otherwise noted by the director. Ask permission before assuming you may enter!

III. Pianos

There are two pianos in the rehearsal room, one in the practice room and one in the main music room. Both pianos are to remain locked at all times unless directed to do so by the director.

IV. Music Room Risers

The risers in the music room are brand new, purchased last summer and are very expensive. Do not misuse these in any way or you may be referred to the principal for disciplinary measures. **When getting on or off the risers step only onto the front of the riser. The back and sides of the risers have chair stops that can make it very easy to trip and fall. If a student is caught jumping off the side of the risers or running off the risers, the next step in the discipline plan will go into action for that student!**

Web Page:

Music Department has a blog style web site. This page will be used for the most up to date information about all music department happenings. Mr. Lucas will post announcements and all important information here on a weekly basis. This site is:

www.wtjrsrhsmusic.com

Quiz:

Quizzes will always be announced and worth 25pts. There will be 3-4 quizzes per test. Everything on a quiz will be reviewed and discussed before the quiz.

Worksheets:

Worksheets will be completed in class unless the student does not complete his/her worksheet in the time allotted. In that case the student will be expected to finish it at home and turn it in the next day.

Tests:

Tests will be worth 100pts. Tests will be given at the end of each unit. Information will be reviewed and all content will have been covered in class and in notes so students can succeed in the testing.

Listening Journal:

Each class period the students will begin by taking out their listening journal and begin copying down the information listed on the board for today's listening. Journals will be collected every other Friday for a grade of 100pts 10pts per journal entry. Every Friday a student will be selected to bring in their own listening for that day. This listening will be approved by Mr. Lucas before class. The student selecting that Friday's listening will need to drop it off to Mr. Lucas before school starts in the form of a CD or MP3 player.

Listening Paper:

Every four weeks students will select their favorite listening from those four weeks and write a one page paper on that listening. Students are to write about how this music made them feel, the historical significance of this piece of music and any other information the student has researched about this piece. This paper will be worth 50pts and will be graded for content and expression. This paper is to be typed, double spaced, 12pt font with one inch margins. We will have class time signed out in a computer lab for students to complete this assignment.

I have read the Seventh Grade General Music Handbook for the 2010-2011 School Year and agree to abide by it to the best of my abilities and knowledge. I will communicate with Mr. Lucas about any conflicts or questions I have at any point in the school year.

_____ Student

_____ Parent

_____ Date