

Roosevelt Instrumental Music
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2018-2019 Syllabus

Please click the link at the bottom of the page to fill out the *Contact, Acknowledgement Form, and Media Release Form*. All must be filled out for students to receive a grade.

The instrumental music program at Roosevelt Middle is a performance-based class. Students will need to have their instruments every day. In addition to learning to read, write and perform music students will be exposed to a variety of concept in music theory, music listening, music composition, and music history.

Grading for class is as follows:

80% Performance skill and improvement

- Student improvement
- Test scores
- Performance attendance (including outside of school activities)
- Sectionals
- Practice Logs
- Class participation
 - Having instrument, music, and supplies each day
 - Practice room time
 - Being in class on time prepared for rehearsal
 - Rehearsal discipline

20% Music Fundamentals

- Music theory
- Listening Test / Quiz
- Computer theory programs
- Homework

Equipment

All equipment is provided for students by the school, if students wish to take instruments home there must be an instrument loan agreement filled out and on file. All students are given a binder with clear inserts to hold music. With limited resources students will only get one copy of their sheet music, it is important for each student to protect and organize their music. It is not a good idea to include this in with material from other subjects, when performing students should not be lugging around a full folder.

- Binder with clear inserts to hold music
- Pencil (every day in folder)
- Essential Elements 2000 Book 1- Band for individual instrument
- Essential Elements 2000 Book 1-Strings. 1 for individual instrument

Practice

We are fortunate enough to have instrumental music everyday (with the exception of 7th p. on Tuesday) which gives students a good amount of playing time. I do ask for additional practice out-sides of class. I understand that some of the bigger instruments can create a problem for students who walk or bike home. There are however, multiples of many of the big instruments which may give some students the ability to keep an instrument at home. In addition students may practice in one of the three practice rooms at select lunches, after school, and by appointment.

Private lessons are a great help for students, but are not required

Class Goals

Our music program is here to teach students the language of music and hopefully create lifelong musicians. If I can get students to work hard and enjoy it, they will be playing music the rest of their lives. It is important for Roosevelt students to get out in the community and play, and see others perform. I hope that we will be performing as much as possible this year including school events, concerts, and possibly a few competitions

Most importantly, we will have a lot of fun!

Contact Info

With many outside activities planned for this year, it is very important that I have a reliable way to deliver information to the parents. At the bottom of this page is a digital contact form. E-mail is a great tool and insures that the info you need gets to you.

Fundraising

Our Music Booster club will have regular meetings to help generate funds for equipment and activities.

Outside Activities

Instrumental music is a performance based class, and as such we do some activities outside of school. You will receive detailed information about each outside activity once the year begins. ALL PERFORMANCES ARE REQUIRED. Make-up assignments will be available for required performances if the student has an acceptable excuse.

Acceptable Excuses for Missing a Performance:

Serious illness, unforeseen accident or emergency, major religious observation, wedding, or death in the family. Other prearranged circumstances may excuse a student from a performance at the discretion of Mr. Kocivar. A make-up project will be assigned on a case-by-case basis depending on the circumstances.

Always contact me to inform me of any absence from a performance and the circumstances surrounding said absence.

Requirements for Participation in School Day Activities & Performances (Students missing other classes to participate):

- Academic grade point average of 2.0 for the most recent reporting period
- Citizenship grade point average of 2.5 for the most recent reporting period
- Less than 10 days of unexcused absences in the current semester
- No suspensions for the current semester

PLEASE feel free to E-mail me if you have any questions big or small. I know that supporting your student in instrumental music comes with a lot of outside work on the parent's part. Along with that comes questions, so don't hesitate to contact me.

Click the link below or paste the url to your web browser to be taken to the corresponding form.

Media Release Form:

<https://goo.gl/forms/viXaR4Vjmwmd55T2>

Acknowledgement and Contact Form:

<https://goo.gl/forms/EJrksEqRrCAmbA7D3>

