

Music Appreciation – High School

COURSE DESCRIPTION: This one-semester course introduces students to the elements, instrumentation, and historical periods of music. Students will learn the significance of surroundings and time periods and how they both influenced the music of the day. Students will listen to and evaluate several types of music, and will be assessed through projects, presentations, and exams on the knowledge and understanding of music.

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

- Identify basic musical elements.
- Analyze elements of music and compare and contrast elements in different musical genres.
- Identify key musical time periods and the characteristics of music from those periods.
- Identify significant composers and musicians from different time periods.
- Describe different instrumentations in music.
- Develop critiques of musical pieces based on information in the course.

PREREQUISITES: None

COURSE LENGTH: One Semester

REQUIRED TEXT: No required text for this course.

MATERIALS LIST: No required materials for this course.

COURSE OUTLINE:

Unit 1: Basic Elements

- Section A – Music Notation
- Section B – Creating Melody
- Section C – Expression and Listening

Unit 2: Music Time Periods

- Section A – Medieval Era
- Section B – Renaissance Era
- Section C – Baroque Era

- Section D – Classical Era
- Section E – Romantic Era
- Section F – Twentieth Century
- Section G – Popular Music

Unit 3: Musical Instruments

- Section A – String Instruments
- Section B – Woodwind Instruments
- Section C – Brass Instruments
- Section D – Percussion Instruments

Unit 4: Listening

- Section A – Quality Assurance
- Section B – Listening Preferences

Semester Project