



# MUSIC – ROCK BAND

**\*\*Please treat the fellow students, the teacher, and equipment with respect in this room. If you would like to use something, please ask before using.\*\***

The **Rock Band** course has been designed to meet the needs of those students who do not fall into the concert band or voice categories of music courses. Typically, students who enroll in Rock Band play the piano/keyboard, drums, bass guitar, lead singing, or guitar. (Drummers should note that as there may only be access to one or two drum kits on site, they should be prepared to play other percussion instruments such as the congas/bongs/djembe as part of their coursework). One class a week is devoted to making music and developing ensemble skills, usually in the form of a "jam session" of sorts. Therefore, experience in one of the instruments mentioned above is expected. Please note that students will be expected to perform and create (i.e. compose and improvise) for each other and in public settings in order to meet the outcomes of this course. Also, students interested in taking this course should demonstrate a strong desire to work with others as a substantial portion of time will be devoted to group work. In addition to studying music repertoire, students will also be given instruction in basic theory and listening.

## **Marks:**

- This course lasts for 1 semester.
- Strong regular attendance is very important!
- There is no exam in this course, however, there will be a final project.
- Your music mark will be broken down into:
  - Product = 30%,
  - Observations = 30%,
  - Conversations = 20%
  - Final Project = 20%

Individual conferences will be held throughout the semester to set goals, self-evaluate, reflect on achievements, and discuss marks.

Daily conversations and observations should reflect the student's growth in the learning process.

Everyone has a starting point and we progress from that point with a cooperative plan in place. With mixed grade levels within the same course, the expectations are higher the further you are along the spectrum.

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