

Newtown Middle School Music and Technology Program

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This is a computer-assisted music and technology learning course in which students will have the opportunity to develop music and technology skills and awareness through activities that encourage musical performing, responding and creating in a classroom setting.

TEACHER EXPECTATIONS:

Students are expected to work cooperatively as a class and in groups to achieve common goals. Each student will be expected to contribute equally to group projects and activities that encourage building music and technology skills and awareness. Students will be required to keep a folder that contains class handouts and a writing journal. Expectations using the computer lab equipment will be handed out and will be in alignment with other computer labs in the school.

TEXT(S) USED:

Students will receive a wide variety of handouts that will be kept in their class

SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIALS:

MIDI sequencing and digital recording software, computers, MIDI data files, appropriate recordings and a wide variety of sheet music and activity sheets.

HOMEWORK POLICY:

Homework will consist of studying for quizzes and bringing in recordings for projects and analysis.

PROJECTS:

Students will be required to complete various activities and projects each marking period that will encourage the development of music and technology skill and awareness.

QUIZZES AND TEST POLICY:

There will a combination of formal and informal assessments during each marking period.

HOW REPORT CARD GRADES ARE DETERMINED:

Student grades will be based on class participation, attendance, tests, quizzes, and projects.

CHALLENGE ACTIVITIES:

Students who show interest in working above the class level will be encouraged to participate in modified activities and projects that are developmentally appropriate and designed to meet student learning needs.

Newtown District Music Mission Statement

"All students will create, perform, respond and connect with understanding to all of the arts, including visual arts, music, theater and dance. Students will develop in-depth skills in at least one art form, appreciate the importance of the arts in expressing human experiences, and be prepared to apply their knowledge and skills throughout their lifetime."