

## 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Grade General Music Syllabus

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**Course Description:** This course will focus on basic general music topics to provide students with an understanding of musical concepts through small lecture sessions, many hands-on activities, and performance/written assessments at the end of each unit. All concepts covered are aligned with the Kentucky Core Content version 4.1 and the Program of Studies.

**Policy for Make-Up Work:** Should a student be absent, it is his or her responsibility to get make-up work on the day they return to school.

**Materials Needed:** Folder, Pencil (each day)  
3X 5 index cards for Unit 2 only

### **Nine Weeks Timeline:**

#### **Unit One:**

Arts and Humanities 07-1.1.1 Students will identify or describe the elements in a variety of music—Melody (DOK 2)

AH-07-4.1.1 Students will create and notate in similar style answers to musical phrases

AH-07-4.1.5 Students will sing or play alone and sustain own part in an ensemble, a given piece of music with increasingly complex melodies and rhythmic patterns in treble and bass clef

#### **Topics to be covered:**

Melodic phrase, Harmony-triads (chords) I, IV, V

Treble/bass clef, pitch notation, letter names on a grand staff,

Natural sign, sharp sign, flat sign

#### **Unit Two:**

Arts and Humanities 07-1.1.1 Students will identify or describe The elements in a variety of music—Rhythm, Tempo, Dynamics (DOK2)

AH-07-4.1.2 Students will improvise variations on given rhythms or melodies

#### **Topics to be Covered:**

Note/Rest Values: Whole, Half, Quarter, Eighth (review), Sixteenth

Time Signature: 5/4

Tempo: Presto, Allegro, Moderato, Largo

Dynamics: Forte, Mezzo-Forte, Mezzo-Piano, Piano

#### **Unit Three:**

Arts and Humanities 07-1.1.1 Students will identify or describe the elements in a variety of music—Form

**Topics to be covered:** Theme and Variations, Binary, Ternary, Call & Response

**Unit Four:**

Arts and Humanities 07-1.1.1 Students will identify or describe the elements in a variety of music—Timbre (DOK2)

**Topics to be Covered:** Arts and Humanities 07-1.1.2 Identify instruments according to classifications

Voice Classification: Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass

**Unit Five:**

Arts and Humanities 07-2.1.1 Students will analyze or explain how diverse cultures and time periods affect music (DOK 3)

**Topics to be Covered:** Classical Greece, Medieval Culture

**Unit Six:**

AH07-1.1.3 Students will identify or explain various styles of music (DOK 2)

**Topics to be Covered:** Popular, Marches, Ballads

**Unit Seven:**

Review of all covered topics for final exam

**Grading Breakdown:**

In-Class Work (practice sheets, flashbacks, exit slips, music tutorials): 30%

Common Assessments (End of Unit Assessment—can be written assessment, performance or product or combination as defined by the teacher): 70%