

AP THEORY / IB MUSIC

Brief Description of Course Objectives:

AP Theory/IB Music is a *rigorous academic* music class. Students will study the elements of music that will bring them greater knowledge and understanding of musical form, structure, and history. The curriculum will be a combination of both the AP Theory and the IB Music courses. High standards of academic excellence are necessary in order to be successful in this class!

Grading Policy:

Grades will be determined using the following criteria:

Participation: You will receive daily participation points. They will be received through things that include class attendance and preparation. You must be on time and have all of your required materials in class every day in order to receive your participation points.

Assignments: Various assignments will be given throughout the year. Assignments may include quizzes, musical analysis, listening exercises, composition, research projects, written assignments, musical dictations, etc. Homework and other assignments must be turned in on time! If it is late it may not be accepted.

Quizzes & Tests: We will have quizzes and tests that cover the materials presented in class. Quizzes will occur frequently! We will have at least two major tests per term. Test days will be planned in advance and announced in class. You must make sure that you are in class on test days! As most tests contain aural stimuli for the whole class, a test cannot be made up.

Students will receive points for attendance, assignments, and tests. At the end of each term their points will be totaled and translated into a letter grade based on the following scale:

100-94 % = A	82-80 % = B-	69-67 % = D+
93-90 % = A-	79-77 % = C+	66-63 % = D
89-87 % = B+	76-73 % = C	62-60 % = D-
86-83 % = B	72-70 % = C-	59-0 % = F

Citizenship will be graded according to SHS and Granite District policy as outlined in the "Skyliner" student planner handbook. Missed participation points due to a non-excused absence cannot be made up. Excused absences will not count against the student's point total.

Fees:

There will be a \$40.00 fee for your theory workbook that accompanies your text book. This ***must*** be paid by the end of the 1st week of school!

Text Books:

We will be using various texts throughout the year. Please take care of the books that are assigned to you! Any damage to your text books will result in the appropriate fine.

Materials:

Please bring the following items to class ***every day***: a pencil; a big eraser; a 3-ring binder (or similar notebook); staff paper (I suggest 10-stave); your text book(s), and accompanying theory workbook.

Expectations:

Please remember that this will be a rigorous course. You can not afford to get lost or fall behind! Please come prepared every day! The demands of this class may be difficult, but if you study and pay attention you will assuredly be prepared to score highly on the AP and IB exams.

Additionally, you can expect me to be prepared, organized, communicate effectively, be understanding, grade fairly, be consistent in what I do and say, and not make any last-minute changes on you!

If you have any questions feel free to contact me at alarson2@graniteschools.org, at the school at 385-646-9663, or via our department website – www.skylineperformingarts.org.

Thank You!

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Remember – “Hard Work is FUN!”