

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade/Homeroom \_\_\_\_\_

### **GENERAL MUSIC CONTRACT**

It's no secret that a well-rounded musical education makes people smarter in other subjects too. Being able to read or follow written music, especially patterns, will enhance a person's reading abilities, and the coordination needed to perform on any instrument will strengthen both sides of the brain. That said, I aim to offer my students a fun and meaningful musical experience in hopes that it will help them succeed in life.

Here are my expectations for the 2011-2012 school year.

1. Students will walk as a class in a straight quiet line in the hallway. They are to behave so that they do not disturb any other part of the building. Once outside my room, they must maintain a straight and quiet line to enter.
2. Students must have a signed and valid pass to enter my room after the bell has rung or if they did not pass with the rest of the class. No exceptions.
3. No food or gum allowed in the classroom (school-wide policy). You will be asked once to throw it away, and if you are seen with it again, your daily grade will be reduced and/or you will not be able to participate in the day's activity.
4. No electronic devices (school-wide policy). If I see or hear them, they will be confiscated.
5. I will not tolerate inappropriate language or behavior, and I will especially not tolerate any bullying, harassment, or "play fighting." The safety and integrity of all students and contents in my room are of my utmost importance. If I feel a student cannot handle themselves safely and respectfully among the rest of the class, that student will be removed from my room.
6. All students must respect the room and all its contents and instruments, which are used by all the other students in the school. The class cannot leave until my room is put back to how it was at the beginning of class and the students are expected to see to that.
7. Grades 7 & 8 will have a weekly homework assignment ("Listening Log") where they are to listen to an example of a different genre of music each assignment and answer some questions about it. Failure to turn in the homework will result in an 'F' for that assignment.
8. Students will earn a daily grade (see attached rubric). I grade mostly on conduct and participation. Unexcused absences will negatively affect a student's grade. Their grade begins as soon as I pick them up from their previous class, therefore, how they transition in the hallway affects their grade.

#### **SEE ATTACHED SHEET FOR DAILY GRADE RUBRIC**

If any of these rules are broken, you will receive ONE warning. If the behavior is not corrected, you will then be asked to sit away from the class. If you are still unable to correct the behavior, you will be written up, lose all credit for that period, and, if necessary, be sent to the principal's office.

**THIS CONTRACT MUST BE SIGNED BY BOTH THE STUDENT AS WELL AS THE PARENT/GUARDIAN AND RETURNED TO MR. PAOLUCCI (rm. 137). THE STUDENT CANNOT USE INSTRUMENTS OR RECEIVE CREDIT UNTIL THIS CONTRACT IS RETURNED.**

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Student Signature

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Parent/Guardian Signature & Phone Number