

EL DORADO SPRINGS HIGH SCHOOL
Music Explorations

COURSE SYLLABUS

August 2020 – May 2021

INSTRUCTOR: Mr. Jordan White
OFFICE: EHS Band Room
OFFICE HOURS: Every day after school until 3:30 (time is subject to change)
E-MAIL ADDRESS: jwhite@eldok12.org
CLASS TIME: 3RD Hour (9:50 AM – 10:41 AM)
CLASS WEBSITE: www.eldobulldogband.com/music-explorations.html
CLASSROOM CODE: yjkmoib

COURSE DESCRIPTION

The High School Music Explorations class is a student-interest based class that is designed to cover various topics of the musical world. Some of the topics that may be covered are Music History, Music Appreciation, World Instruments, World Music, Instrumental Exploration, Composition, Music Technology, and Musical Impact on our World.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

1. Give students more information and appreciation of the musical world.
2. Allow students to experiment with music.
3. Give students an in-depth look into music history.
4. Experience music that may not common to students.
5. Provide students with knowledge of music technology, terms, and composers.

CLASSROOM EXPECTATIONS

1. Come to class ready to learn...EVERYDAY!
2. Attend all classes on time and with necessary materials.
3. Participate in class activities.
4. Have a respectful and enthusiastic attitude toward the teacher and fellow students.
5. Gum and food should be disposed of in the trash can BEFORE entering the classroom.
6. Do not lean or write on the music stands.
7. Display the highest respect for classroom visitors, students who are sharing information, and the instructor when giving instructions/lecturing.

STUDENT PARTICIPATION

Students are expected to contribute to the classroom discussion. This class will be based around the student's ability to help lead discussions. Since the instructor will not require REGULAR note taking and tests, it is expected that **ALL** students help further our discussions. Student engagement is what will drive the excitement for this course.

For you to have fun in this class, you will have to contribute to the classroom discussion!

Students will be asked to take a few notes and will have some playing tests (on piano) and a performance with the "Bucket Band" at the Christmas School Assembly.

ASSIGNMENTS AND ASSESSMENTS

1. DAILY POINTS (10 POINTS EVERY DAY)

- a. *All students will begin the day with a full 10 points*
- b. *Students will lose points based on the follow factors:*
 - i. **2 pts – Tardy/Late** – *not in their seat when class begins*
 - ii. **2 pts – Not prepared for Class** – *did not complete homework (if assigned)*
 - iii. **2 pts – Lack of proper Equipment** – *no pencil, paper, or work*
 - iv. **2 pts – Poor Attitude** – *has an attitude that is unwilling to work in class*
 - v. **2 pts – “FREE POINTS”** – *points can be lost if punishments are necessary*

2. PRESENTATIONS (150 POINTS EACH)

- a. *Points will be determined by the following criteria:*
 - i. **30 pts – Preparation** – *The student has prepared a comprehensive presentation*
 - ii. **30 pts – Information** – *The material presented is accurate*
 - iii. **30 pts – Composure** – *The student knows the information and is able to convey it to other students*
 - iv. **30 pts – Form of Presentation** – *Students should be creative in the way they present their information*
 - v. **30 pts – Evaluations** – *Students will be required to evaluate other students' presentations. The students should look for information that is new or interesting to them.*

3. PLAYING EXAMS (50 POINTS EACH)

- a. *Playing Exams will occur at a minimum of **ONCE** a week*
- b. *Points will be determined by the following criteria:*
 - i. **10 pts – Tone Quality** – *the student is able to make characteristic sounds (i.e. rolls, stokes, etc.)*
 - ii. **10 pts – Preparation** – *the student is prepared and exhibits excellent preparation*
 - iii. **10 pts – Note/Rhythm Accuracy** – *the student plays the correct notes at the correct time*
 - iv. **20 Points – Appropriate Musicianship** – *The student exhibits proper*

MISSED PRESENTATION OR PLAYING TEST POLICY

Students will be required to make up their presentation or playing test, if they miss their scheduled day. The student will make up the presentation on the day they return. Be prepared if you miss a day. Students will know what day they will present at least 2 days before the presentations are to begin. Students need to let Mr. White know if they will be gone on a specific day, if it interferes with their presentation.

GRADING SCALE

The grading scale is determined by the El Dorado Springs School District and can be found in the District Handbook.

COMMUNICATIONS

E-MAIL CORRESPONDENTS

The most effective form of communication with Mr. White is through e-mail. Mr. White checks his e-mail regularly throughout the day and into the evening. If you need to contact Mr. White, this is the preferred method. Likewise, if Mr. White should need to contact you or your parents, he will need an updated e-mail address. Students are expected to check their SCHOOL ISSUED e-mail address regularly. If you are not used to checking this account, please, check it regularly.

BULLDOG BAND SOCIAL MEDIA

The Bulldog Band is on Facebook. Various items are posted on this communication page for our great community. Items that will be posted are photos of students, videos from our Music Exploration class, results from the bands' competitions, upcoming concerts/performances, and special announcements that pertain to the Bulldog Band Program. We encourage students and parents to "like" and "follow" this page so they can stay in contact with the program. You can search for "**EL DORADO SPRINGS BULLDOG BAND**".

ParentSquare

Our school district has purchased an App for your phones that will allow all teachers to communicate with both parents and students. If you have any questions as to how to setup your ParentSquare App, call the office and they can direct to the correct person to speak with. ALL communication will be sent out through this App. You can receive messages through the App or Text Message. This is the same form of communication that the District uses for notification of school closings.