

## Grade 8 Course Outline

### **Statement of Purpose**

Music is a unique art form that offers experiences in, and opportunities for, self-expression. In this comprehensive, performance-based study, students will learn about music, through music, while performing music.

### **Evaluation**

Skill testing	40%
Class mark	20%
Rehearsal attendance	20%
Concert attendance	10%
Concert Reviews	10%

### **Concert Reviews**

**Due first week of December and first week of June**

Much of the learning about music and developing an appreciation for the essence of music-making, is found through the listening and evaluating of musical performances. Throughout the school year, students are expected to attend two performances involving live music. Following their attendance students will be required to write a short essay evaluating the performance based on musical elements.

### **Late Arrival Policies**

1. Any student who has not arrived to class, with the appropriate materials, by the time the second bell has rung (when applicable), will be deemed late. This student will require a signed note from the office explaining their late arrival to be permitted into class and will lose one class mark. Students with an excused late note (from parents) will not lose a class mark.
2. A student who arrives late for a rehearsal will lose 0.5 of a mark. Students are expected to be in the bandroom by 7:45am for Early Morning Band - students who arrive for rehearsal after 7:50am will be deemed late. .

### **Class Mark Policies**

Students are assigned 20% of their term mark for class behaviour/participation.

1. Students who leave their instrument at ANY school on the weekend will lose 2% of their class mark per weekend.
2. Students who leave their instrument at home on a band class day will lose 2 % of their class mark.

### **Cell Phone Policy**

To ensure the Eastern School District's policy concerning cell phone use is followed, students will be asked to place their cell phone in the "cell phone bucket" at the beginning of each class.

Immediately following the end of class, students may retrieve their phone from the bucket. Cell phones are not permitted for use in school.