

# INSTRUMENTAL TECHNIQUES

Teacher: Mr. Schmidt

Course Duration: 1/2 Year  
Course Credit: 1/2

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## Course Overview

There is no prerequisite for this course.

This class is intended for those students wishing to learn to read music, to play an instrument for the first time, or for those who are trying to learn a secondary instrument. After successfully completing this course, the student will be able to display knowledge of instrument care, instrument characteristics, performance techniques such as tone control and phrasing, understand music notation and vocabulary and demonstrate evaluative skills as a listener and a performer.

## Books

We will use several books in this class depending on your individual level. We may also use other sheet music and different types of materials.

## Grading

The county-approved grading scale is:

A	=	90	-	100
B	=	80	-	89
C	=	70	-	79
D	=	60	-	69
F	=	0	-	59

Grades will be determined on a percentage scale as follows:

Class Participation .....25 %  
Tests/ Exams .....75 %

(NOTE: Much of your practice time is self-motivated and the class participation grade will reflect the effort you give.)

## **Classroom Policies**

Students should behave as if they were in any other academic class. They should enter the room on time, have all the necessary equipment for class and they should be in their seats waiting for the director's instructions. There is to be no gum, candy or other food of any kind in the band hall during class.

## **Attendance**

Absences and tardies will be handled in the same manner as listed in the student handbook. You must have an excused admit in order to make-up any work you may have missed. Any work not made-up or unexcused absences will be counted as a zero. It is your responsibility to ask for and complete any make-up work.

## **Classroom Participation**

Each student must have a pencil, assigned music and instrument in class each day. Students are to provide their own instruments for this course. Any student having an instrument that is not in working condition, for any reason, will not be allowed to use it until it is repaired. In addition to having these items in class, a student must also be actively participating in order to receive a satisfactory "class participation" grade.

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## Student's Signature Required

I have read the course syllabus and understand what is required of me. Please, return this to me for a grade at the beginning of class on Friday, August 26th.

Student's name printed \_\_\_\_\_

Student's signature \_\_\_\_\_

Period \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

## Parent's Signature Required

My son/daughter and I have reviewed the course syllabus.

Parent's name printed \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Best contact number \_\_\_\_\_