

## Music Grading Guidelines

Students will not receive a grade from Music in grades K-2.

Students in grades 3-6 will receive a Music grade on interims and report cards. These grades will be based on in-class projects and effort.

- Students will receive a minimum of 6 grades for Music for each grading period.
  - At least two of the six grades will be from projects completed during the grading period.
  - Other grades will be from completion of classwork, oral responses, and/or teacher observations
- All students are expected to follow classroom rules and procedures at all times to ensure safety.
- Participation in class is required of all students.

<b>Music Grading Criteria 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>		
<b>Grade</b>	<b>Classroom Expectation/Rules</b>	<b>Academic Performance / Participation and Observation</b>
<b>O = Outstanding</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Follows all classroom rules</li> <li>✓ Assists other students and teacher when needed</li> <li>✓ Displays leadership qualities</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Shows extra interest</li> <li>✓ Always on task</li> <li>✓ Respectful to teacher, classmates and school equipment</li> <li>✓ <b>Perfect to near perfect assessment / project</b></li> </ul>
<b>S = Satisfactory</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Follows most classroom rules</li> <li>✓ Shows respect and cooperation</li> <li>✓ Works well with others</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Follows directions</li> <li>✓ Usually on task</li> <li>✓ Respectful to teacher, classmates, and school equipment</li> <li>✓ <b>Some mistakes on assessments / projects</b></li> </ul>
<b>N = Needs Improvement</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Difficulty following rules</li> <li>✓ Occasionally displays inappropriate behavior</li> <li>✓ Not performing at ability level</li> <li>✓ Difficulty working with others</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Difficulty following directions</li> <li>✓ Difficulty listening while teacher is talking</li> <li>✓ Needs multiple reminders to stay on task</li> <li>✓ Distracts other students</li> <li>✓ Incomplete work</li> <li>✓ <b>Many mistakes on assessments / projects</b></li> </ul>
<b>U = Unsatisfactory</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Displays inappropriate behaviors</li> <li>✓ Fails to follow rules</li> <li>✓ Fails to perform at ability level</li> <li>✓ Fails to work with others</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Fails to follow directions</li> <li>✓ Fails to listen while teacher is talking</li> <li>✓ Does not participate or complete work</li> <li>✓ Distracts other students</li> <li>✓ <b>Fails assessments / projects</b></li> </ul>

## **Behavior**

Due to the wide variety of unstructured activities completed in our Music class, student behavior is very important. A significant amount of self-control and self-monitoring from each child is necessary. We will try to offer many opportunities for children to improve their behavior and participate in the activity presented to them. Behavior is often linked to participation. If a child is unable to behave and follow rules and expectations, they are also not participating in the activity as expected which can/will result in grades being lowered. If at any time you have questions about how your child is behaving during class, please send me a message directly at [sforren@kgcs.k12.va.us](mailto:sforren@kgcs.k12.va.us) .

## **Parent notification:**

As specials teachers we see every child in our building at least one time a week. We will do our very best to keep parents up to date via Power School. If you would like to schedule a meeting to discuss your child's behavior, please contact me at school via phone (540)775-5411 or email [sforren@kgcs.k12.va.us](mailto:sforren@kgcs.k12.va.us) .

**Warnings:** Once your child gets three or more warnings in a nine week grading period we will notify you using the contact information that is listed in Power School. After 3 warnings during one grading period, your child's grade may be lowered to an S. After 5 warnings during one grading period, your child's grade may be lowered to a N.

**Time Out:** If your child gets a time out in specials, we will send a form home with your child that does request a parent signature. This form should be returned by the following week. If it is not returned by the next class, we will notify you using the contact information that is listed in Power School. If your child receives a Time Out, their grade may be lowered.

**Office Referral:** If your child is sent to the office during specials, we needed to remove them from the situation. This is our last resort and only do this if they have had ample opportunities to improve their behavior or they posed a threat to themselves, classmates, or materials. If an office referral is necessary, we will contact you within 24 hours using the contact information that is listed in Power School. We will discuss with you how to improve the classroom experience to avoid future incidents.