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Applied Music Syllabus 2021-2022

Teacher: Jesse Espinosa, Director of Bands or James Elam, Asst. Band Director

Course Description: This course provides time for students that need music instruction on a principal instrument. It is for students that already perform on an instrument. Ability to read music and have the fundamentals is required. Admission to applied music must be approved by the instructor.

Students will:

- Explore individual musical preferences/identity
- Exploring musical concepts and terminology
- Build skill in listening and perception
- Practice concert etiquette as performer and audience member
- Be expected to rehearse and not use class time for homework or other class projects
- Improve technical skills, musicianship and to study appropriate repertoire

Performances: Students are required to prepare a solo or participate in an ensemble at least two times during the semester. Student recital will be performed in class. Students may choose to perform Region, All-State, solo and ensemble music for this performance.

Goals: To learn effective practice habits, to develop musical style and interpretation and to prepare for public performance.

Grading Policy: Students will be evaluated by class participation and performance. The student's grade will be based on an evaluation of his/her effort, improvement, musicality, mastery of skills in performance as well as the quantity of work accomplished.

- 40% Daily Grade/participation
- 60% Recital/Journal Entries

Supplies Needed:

- 1 – Composition Notebook
- Pencil
- Instrument
- Music Binder

Office Hours: Period 6 or by appointment