

Curriculum Overview for K-5 Music, P.E. and Art

Dear Parent(s):

It is with pleasure that we welcome your child/children to our classes. We can all look forward to a very exciting and rewarding school year. In order to provide our students with the excellent educational climate they deserve, we have developed the following Classroom Discipline Plan that will be in effect at all times. All behavior expectations fall under 3 categories-Take care of yourself, take care of others and take care of our school.

Behavior Expectations For The Classroom

1. Follow directions quickly and quietly the first time they are given
2. Raise your hand and wait for permission to speak
3. Keep rude comments, hands, feet, and other objects to yourself
4. Keep work area clean and treat materials with respect
5. Walk in a single file line and wait quietly in the halls
6. Complete quality work on time and always do your best

When Expectations Are Not Met:

1 st	consequence	Verbal Warning
2 nd	consequence	5-minute time out
3 rd	consequence	10-minute time out, note home
4 th	consequence	Phone parents, lonely lunch
5 th	consequence	Go to office
	Severe Clause	Go directly to the office

Positive Consequences When Students Meet Expectations:

Verbal Praise, Stickers, Game Day, Favorite Activity, Positive notes sent home

Music Supplies (4th and 5th grade only)

- **2 Recorders**-All 4th and 5th grade students will need 1 for school use and 1 for home practice. Recorders may be purchased at school. 1 for \$5.50 and 2 for \$11. Please send **cash** to Mrs. Nassiff in an envelope with your child's name and homeroom teacher.

Art Supplies (4th and 5th grade only)-----Sketchbook

Student Dress for Specials Classes

Dress Requirements are based on safety and modesty. Boys and Girls should dress suitably for physical activity. Tennis shoes are mandatory for the safety of all students. Wearing tennis shoes is part of the learning expectations for the State of Texas PE standards. Not wearing tennis shoes will affect their PE grade. Girls are required to wear shorts under their skirts or dresses. There are times when the schedule changes without prior knowledge therefore students need to be prepared for physical activity at all times.

Medical Problems/ Excuses for Physical Education

Some students have chronic or long term problems with limited participation. For the safety of the child and the teacher's protection, records will be kept in the school nurses office. Notes or phone calls from parents are accepted for excuses on a short term basis. Non-participation for 5 or more consecutive days requires a physician's written excuse. Parents will be contacted when students are habitually excused.

It is in your child's best interest that we work together with regard to his/her education. We will thus keep you informed about your child's progress in our classes. We have already discussed this information with your child, but would appreciate it if you would review it with him/her. Please contact us with any questions.

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

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Specials Grading Guidelines: Grades K – 5

The main purpose of grading in elementary Music, Art and Physical Education (P.E.) is to evaluate a student's level of progress in the mastery of the Music, Art and P.E. Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS). We grade all students for their ability to perform the learning objectives.

- 1) Each student will have a minimum of 3 grades per six weeks in each subject. At least one grade should be given each two (2) weeks.
- 2) Grades will be based on knowledge and performance of learning objectives.
- 3) The content grades will not be based on student's behavior or conduct. Behavior is reflected in a separate Conduct grade given each 6 weeks.
- 4) The teacher will formally notify a parent (note, email or phone call) when their child's grade may drop below an "S". Teachers must keep accurate documentation of records and communicate with parents.

EXCELLENT "E"- (3 in online grade book)

1. Performs at excellent/above standard consistently.
2. Puts forth maximum effort, demonstrates self-motivation in meeting learning objectives
3. Consistently demonstrates understanding of concepts and shows creativity in their use.

SATISFACTORY "S"- (2 in online grade book)

1. Performs at standard expectations consistently.
2. Puts forth expected effort, with minimal redirection to meet learning objectives.
3. Frequently demonstrates understanding of concepts.

NEEDS IMPROVEMENT "N"- (1 in online grade book)

1. Performs slightly below standard expectations, but with continuous progress.
2. Puts forth minimal effort, with continuous redirection to meet learning objectives.
3. Seldom demonstrates understanding of concepts.

UNSATISFACTORY "U"- (0 in online grade book)

(Not to be given unless administration and parent are contacted)

1. Performs consistently at beginning or below standard expectations.
2. Puts forth no effort.
3. Does not demonstrate any learning objectives.

NG or A= Non attendance in class on the day assessments were taken.

An N or U in a student's content grade **will** keep students from the A or A/B Honor rolls.

Conduct grades **will not** affect Honor roll status but may affect other awards given at the campus such as Top Hawk.

Conduct Grades

Students will receive a conduct grade for Music, Art and PE each six weeks. The conduct grade will be determined by their behavior in class. Each child begins with an E and when behavior expectations are not met their conduct grade is lowered. **Notes will be e-mailed whenever possible and/or sent home with the student. A timely response to notes and/or e-mails is appreciated and is critical in helping your child to be successful in our classrooms.**

The scale will be as follows:

E-Very few warnings

S-Continual warnings and/or 1 note home

N-2 notes home

U-3 notes home

We understand that everyone has a bad day every once in a while. Therefore, students who are in time out the first time may not receive a note home if after being redirected they are compliant and no other behavior issues arise. If behavior issues continue a note will be sent home. Do not hesitate to contact us with questions or concerns about your child's grades and/or behavior.