

**Mulholland Middle School  
Instrumental Music Classes  
Ms. Martinez - Instructor  
2017-2018 School Year**

**Class Overview**

Dear MMS Instrumental Music Students & Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to the Instrumental Music Classes at MMS. I am looking forward to a very successful year with you in instrumental music, and would like to give you an overview of what will be in store for you this year.

**1. Year-Long Commitment** - First of all, students and parents/guardians need to understand that this class is for the whole school year, NOT just one semester. We will be learning to play our instruments in the first semester, and then learning to read music with our instruments during the second semester. Therefore students are enrolled in the course for two semesters, thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

**2. Attendance & Class Participation** - Students will be expected to attend class, be on time (3 or more unexcused tardies will be an automatic U in Work Habits), be prepared (bringing the appropriate materials - paper, pencil, agenda, etc.), participate in class, and be in uniform (no hats or hoods allowed in class). There is no eating allowed in class, so no gum, candy, food or drinks in the music classroom. No toys, skateboards, or electronic devices allowed. No obscene language is to be used in the classroom. Students will not take, destroy, vandalize, deface the school's, the teacher's, or another student's property. Students will always strive to do their best in class, and keep a positive attitude. Disruptive or uncooperative behavior will cause low grades in Work Habits and Cooperation. Class rules are posted clearly throughout the classroom, 1<sup>st</sup> offense will be a verbal warning, 2<sup>nd</sup> offense will be detention, with possible grade deduction, 3<sup>rd</sup> offense will be detention and parent contact, 4 or more offenses will be grade deduction and referral to school dean for further action.

**3. Performance Class** – This is a participation class, and our assignments will be performance oriented. We will have both playing quizzes and tests in class, therefore it is very important for you child to be in class for grading. We may also have performances throughout the year, it will be mandatory attendance as these performances will be part of your child's grade. Plenty of notice will be given for all concerts for the year. We have tentatively scheduled our Winter Concert for Thursday, December 7<sup>th</sup> and our Spring Concert for Thursday, May 24<sup>th</sup>. These will both be at 5pm. More information will come regarding those concerts at a later time. Grading scale for academic grades is by straight percentage scale: 90% and up is an A, 80-89% is a B, 70-79% is a C, 60-69% is a D, and 59% and below is a Fail.

**4. Homework Policy** – Since we are a performance oriented class, your child's homework will be practicing their instrument for playing tests & quizzes, therefore the checking out of an instrument after school in order to practice for their playing tests & quizzes is extremely important if your child is to succeed in the instruments class.

**5. Hall Pass Policy** – Students will be allowed 3 passes per 20 week semester per teacher discretion, and following LAUSD policy. Passes will only be allowed for emergency purposes and only during individual student time, not during teacher led times. If a student uses more than 3 passes in a single semester, they will be assigned detention, plus get a grade reduction in Work Habits and Cooperation, and possible referral to the Dean.



Ms. Galene G. Martinez - Instrumental Music Teacher

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I have read and understand the class expectations.

Students Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Instrument: \_\_\_\_\_ Period: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or Guardian's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return to Ms. Martinez no later than Friday, August 18th, 2017 – Thank you.**