

**Mulholland Middle School – Ms. Galene G. Martinez**  
**General Music/Music Lab Class Syllabus**  
**2020-21 School Year**

Hello Students and Parents of the Mulholland MS Music Classes!

Normally we would be in a Band class, a Guitar class, or an Orchestra class, but due to our current situation, those classes will not be happening at this time. Instead we will be preparing for those classes by doing a music history class that will include learning about all the different instruments that you will have the opportunity to play at Mulholland MS (MMS), once we return to school and it is deemed safe to do those types of activities in the classroom.

### **Course Overview**

This class will focus on students developing an appreciation for music, including different styles, periods and cultures. The music instruments, their origins, development, uses, etc. We will learn about the families of instruments, their characteristics, and then more specifically about the instruments used at MMS, their parts, how they are played, taken care of, etc. We will also learn how to read music, so that you will be on your way to being able to play a music instrument. That way when we start to have our regular instrumental music classes at MMS, you will be able to make an informed decision about what instrument you would like to learn, depending on what class you have been placed in.

### **Expectations**

Since we are starting our year completely online, you will be expected to follow the basics of Digital Citizenship, just as you would be expected to use proper classroom behavior during a regular school day. Inappropriate behavior will not be tolerated. You will be expected to participate in the Zoom classes as they are regularly scheduled per the district daily schedule, and complete the assignments by the due dates. Attendance will be taken during the Zoom sessions, so you must be logged in to the Zoom session for attendance.

### **Assignments**

Assignments will all be done through Schoology, and using a variety of mediums, including videos, internet research, etc. You will log in to your Zoom class at the start of each period, we will go over the week's assignments, and then you will be able to then complete your assignments after the Zoom class has ended.

### **Grading**

I grade on a straight percentage scale, so 90% and up is an A, 80-89% is a B, 70-79% is a C, 60-69% is a D, and anything below 59% is a Fail.

### **Contact Information**

Schoology messages is the absolute best way to contact me. Please send me a direct message, NOT a comment on an assignment, as those I may not see as easily.

If you are unable to get on to Schoology for some reason, you may email me at [gmarti1@lausd.net](mailto:gmarti1@lausd.net).

Thank you, and I look forward to a Productive year! – Ms. Martinez