

# Middle School Music – Ms. Elizabeth Soucy

## Course Outline

Middle School Music is designed to facilitate mastery of State Music Education Standards, and to help you develop your self-expression, team work, creativity, and thinking skills. Along the way, we'll enjoy diverse samples of modern music literature and classics. We'll improve your self discipline, advance your vocabulary, increase your confidence about your ability to improve the world and, I hope, have a really great time learning together.

### Classroom Guidelines and Expectations

**1. Be here.** You need to be in your assigned seat by the start of your class time or you will be counted tardy. After 3 tardies, each additional tardy will lower your daily musicianship score by 1 letter grade. These add up by the end of the semester!

**2. Be responsible.** Bring everything you'll need, such as your folder, a pencil, and work that's due. Work that is not completed in class time will be assigned as homework. All assignments are collected at the beginning of class on their due date. Late homework will not receive credit. You are responsible for getting any missed notes or assignments that were given during an absence from a peer or the teacher. I will not hunt you down! Obviously, things that can be completed during your absence are expected on the day you return. If work was given that you didn't have access to, you'll be given up to 1 week to complete the work. If you suffer an extended illness, contact me to discuss a schedule for you to turn in your work.

**3. Be respectful.** You are expected to be courteous and respectful to all students, teachers, and guests. There will be no swearing, name calling, or snide comments. Also, use of technology at inappropriate times is rude and, per school policy, devices that are ill-used will be taken from you and returned to your parents. Remember, you control your technology; it shouldn't control you.

**4. Be awesome.** Think for yourself. If you merely parrot back to me things I already said in class, you will not have a good year. If, however, you are willing to think deeply, take risks, and work like a madman, then you'll love this class.

### Grading

Please refer to the Cambridge Prep Academy student handbook for the grading scale of this course. All grades are posted on Praxi Portal and are updated by the 1st of each month.

**Extra credit is not offered.**

### Need to Reach Me?

Feel free to talk to me in my classroom before school (with the permission of your homeroom teacher) or after school (by appointment) if you have questions or concerns regarding your progress in my class. If you need to reach me after-hours, the best way is via email at [elizabethsoucy@cambridgeprepacademy.com](mailto:elizabethsoucy@cambridgeprepacademy.com).

### Performance Requirement

Performance is required for this course. Performances are mandatory and will only be excused for emergencies or extenuating circumstances approved by Ms. Elizabeth. A performance schedule will be issued to students in the first month of school.

*I have read and understand the course outline for Ms. Elizabeth's Middle School Music course:*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student's Name (printed)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian's Signature

Clip Coupon and Bring to Next Class for 10 pts