

PETERS TOWNSHIP MIDDLE SCHOOL

COURSE SYLLABUS: 8TH GRADE COMPREHENSIVE MUSIC

Course Information	Teacher Information
<u>Course Length</u> : 12 Weeks	<u>Name</u> : Larry Lucas

Course Overview and Essential Skills

Eighth Grade Comprehensive Music is provided to students everyday for twelve weeks. The program is aimed at a variety of musical experiences. This class is also aimed at continuing to develop general music abilities through piano and vocal performance and creative music abilities. Building on seventh grade and elementary music experiences in learning to read and write music as well as listen to a variety of musical forms and styles. Some of the class goals are: to develop a musical literacy, explore and develop skills using electronic multi-timbral, programmable keyboard instruments, explore the voice & the music theater genre and explore and develop skills using computer music software.

Course Textbook, Supplemental Resources and Required Materials

“Alfred’s Basic Piano / Keyboard Course”	“American Popular Music”
“Accent on Composers”	Various supplementals

Course Outline of Material Covered:

Unit or Topic	Course Activities/Resources	Timeframe
Piano basics / reading & writing music review and Advanced Piano / reading and writing music	Alfred’s Basic Piano Course & various supplementals	12 weeks intermittently
Jazz Music (styles, history and listening overview)	“American Popular Music” & various supplementals	1-2 weeks
Patriotic Singing	“The Star Spangled Banner” & various patriotic songs	1-2 weeks
Music Theater (styles, history, listening overview, and acting & singing)	TBA annually	2-3 weeks
Classical Music (styles, history, and listening overview)	Classical Music (styles, history, & listening overview)	Classical Music (styles, history, and listening overview)
Popular Music	School library, public library, and the internet	1-2 weeks
Create Your Own Musical Project	School library, public library, & the internet	4-6 weeks

**Depending on the needs of the class or changes in the school year, the course outline is subject to change.*