

Liberty Christian School
Music Appreciation – 2010-2011
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Welcome to Music Appreciation. This class will help you learn more about music and the study of music throughout the ages. This class is designed to help you meet the California State Standards in education for the Fine Arts without actually having to get on stage and perform in front of an audience. It's more of a "success-behind-the-scenes" class for those who are more comfortable there.

- I. Classroom Policies
 - A. Be in your assigned seat, working on the "warm-up" by the time the tardy bell stops ringing. Make sure you are familiar with the tardy policy in the handbook
 - B. Be courteous and respectful toward other students and authority
 - C. Raise your hand and wait for permission to speak or to get out of your seat
 - D. Follow directions the first time they are given
 - E. The tardy bell is a guideline to end class – it does not dismiss you – the teacher dismisses you
 - F. Take care of business before class – no students are allowed out of the classroom at any time
 - G. Keep your work area clean – especially upon dismissal

Failing to follow these procedures will have consequences:

- 1. You may receive a warning with grace
- 2. You may be kept after class for a conference
- 3. Your parents may be called
- 4. You may get an after-school detention
- 5. Persistent misbehavior will not be tolerated and you may be referred to the principal

Following all the rules, all the time will earn you an “O” for “Outstanding” in citizenship. An occasional lapse (once or twice) will earn an “S” for “Satisfactory” in citizenship. Misbehavior that persists is unacceptable and will earn an “N” for “Needs Improvement” in citizenship.

- II. Materials Needed
 - A. Textbook
 - B. Folder to keep old assignments in to study for the final
 - C. Paper for notes and quizzes, etc. with pen or pencil
 - D. Red pen or pencil for grading

- III. Homework Policy
 - A. Homework is given in every class except Wednesday night (with some exceptions) – Parents may check the homework assignments given on-line at libertychristian.org. The assignments are given a week ahead of time – so the assignment may change from the one given on-line
 - B. All assignments are due at the beginning of class
 - C. Late assignments will not be accepted and will receive a “0” (except excused absences) – see the handbook

- IV. Graded Weekly Assignments
 - A. Terms from the Textbook
 - B. Classical Listening Assignments
 - C. Textbook Quizzes and Tests
 - D. Classroom participation

- V. Grading Policy (per semester)
 - A. Homework/Class Participation– 40%
 - B. Quizzes/Tests – 40%
 - C. Final Exam – 20%