**Rock Band (Alternative Music)**

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*‘That’s the thing about music...the more you put yourself into it, the more of you comes out in it.’* - *Kurt Cobain*

This course is designed to allow students to explore genres of music often omitted from traditional band courses. Through long and short term goal setting, piece selection, collaboration with students of similar and varied experience levels, individual study, recording, and performing, students will expand their musical knowledge, acquire/increase their ability to play an instrument, and develop a new appreciation for music.

**Assessment:**

You will be assessed in the following ways;

- Daily Assessments

You will be required to complete a self assessment at the end of each class reporting on what you worked on during the class, one thing you learned, one thing you still find difficult, and a score out of five for the day.

- Monthly Playing Tests

Students will complete a monthly playing test to demonstrate their learning. This will be done both individually and in a band setting.

- Collaboration, Community, Communication

This assessment will take place daily. How well are you working within your group? Are you assisting others in their learning? Are you present, prepared, and participating?

- Research and Projects

We will complete several research projects throughout the semester focusing on the relationship between music and society, and the influence of various genres of music have on our cultures.

**Expectations**

* Attendance is critical! You are expected to be present, and on time for each class.
* Please arrive prepared for class (instruments you might have borrowed, music , pics, etc.)
* Treat yourself and others with RESPECT! The class is comprised of students with varying level of experience and different musical preferences. As a member of this course and of your band it is your job to encourage and support others. Put downs, insults, etc. will not be tolerated.
* Please be respectful towards the musical equipment. You are welcome to bring your own guitars, amps, effects, sticks, etc. to class however it is not required. The Rock Band storage room and band room MUST be kept tidy at all times!
* This course demands a level of trustworthiness and responsibility from each student. You will be expected to remain on task and productive while working under minimal supervision. Abuse of this situation will not be tolerated.

‘*Without music to decorate it, time is just a bunch of boring deadlines and dates by which bills have to paid’ - Frank Zappa*