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Dear JCHS Music Department Members, Parents, and Guardians

Welcome to the Music Department at James Caldwell High School. Music Performance is a co curricular course offered at James Caldwell High School with many opportunities for growth both musically and personally throughout the school year. This syllabus has been provided to summarize the grading policies of the high school music department. Please do not hesitate to contact your respective ensemble directors with any questions or concerns. Thank You.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Timpson
Mr. Burrows
Mr. Cierniak

Grading Policy:

60% = Participation (defined in rehearsal protocol for both in person & remote pg. 2 & 3)

12% = Marking Period Performance/Project (i.e. Concerts, Playing tests, Composition Projects. All concerts are TBD currently - a revised syllabus will be distributed with concert information at a later date)

28% = Ensemble Specific (Grading requirements specific to individual ensembles will be disseminated to students by the ensemble director at the beginning of each marking period)

Students in multiple performing ensembles:

Students are encouraged to take advantage of the multiple performing opportunities offered during the school day at James Caldwell High School. The grade given to students in multiple ensembles is an average of the individual grades for each group. Only the averaged grade will appear on the report card. **Students in multiple ensembles may not drop an individual ensemble after February 1, 2022.**

Rehearsal Protocol

Rehearsal Protocol is the student's participation and conduct in their music ensemble classroom during the course of each school day. Below are the requirements for the music ensemble classroom

Participation

- Students must have all materials necessary for participation in the ensemble.
 - Instruments, music, reeds, mouthpieces, mallets and sticks.
- Students must be on time for class and ready to play or sing.
 - Remember to check the JCHS Rotation schedule for what block your class meets that day. Class periods will rotate through each block depending on the day.
 - Block 4 - 12:01pm
 - Block 5 - 1:01pm
 - Block 6 - 2:01
- Students must be active participants in class everyday.
 - Active listening.
 - Active performing.
- There will be no work from other classes done in class.
- Proper posture at all times.
 - Sitting/ Standing tall
 - Feet flat on floor (no crossed legs)
 - Proper Positions for instruments
 - Percussionists must use proper sticks, mallets, and techniques on all equipment.

Non Participation:

- Students who do not participate will be given a zero for the day. Participation is 60% of the music ensemble marking period grade.

Classroom Conduct

- Students will consistently follow directions given by the music ensemble director.
- There will be no gum chewing or eating in class. Water is the only acceptable liquid in the classroom.
- There is no talking when the director is on the podium or at the conductor's stand.
 - Students will only play or sing when directed to during rehearsal.
 - Students will raise hands to ask a question.
- Students will respect the school property (i.e. percussion equipment, pianos) in the music classroom.

Discipline Plan

- Students will be given two warnings in regards to classroom conduct.
- After two warnings if behavior continues a parent meeting will be scheduled to discuss classroom behavior.
- A referral form will be submitted if classroom conduct does not improve after the parent meeting.