

CKS Middle School General Music

At Christ the King School our Middle School will attend music class students go to music class four times a week in a six week rotating schedule. We also have a middle school band that meets for 25 minutes a week in sections, and we rehearse once a week after school.

We follow the Indiana State Standards for general music as well as those of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis.

Standards:

1. Singing alone and with others
2. Playing and instrument alone and with others
3. Reading, notating and interpreting music
4. Improvising melodies and accompaniments
5. Composing and arranging within specified guidelines
6. Listening to, analyzing and describing music
7. Understanding relationships between music, the other arts and disciplines outside the arts
8. Understanding music in relation to history and culture
9. Evaluating and critiquing music and music performances

In the music room we follow these classroom rules:

1. Listen and follow directions.
2. Raise your hand and wait to be called on before speaking.
3. Keep hands feet and objects to yourself.
4. Play the instruments only when told it's your turn.

We rarely have discipline problems in music class, but if a student breaks a rule, I will give a warning, (maybe two) and if the student continues to break that rule, I will give an infraction. The students' classroom grades are based on participation, conduct, skills development and quizzes.

The texts we use are the Silver Burdett Ginn series "The Music Connection" and other supplementary materials. (Adair's "Ready to Use Music Activities Kit", Mark Twain Media's "Music, A.D. 450-1995", "American Pop", and Fiftal's "Activities in Classroom Music")

All in all, I want the students to be aware of how music makes their lives better. I have a great time teaching your children, and I hope they enjoy coming to music each week. Please feel free to contact me with any comments or questions.

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