

Northridge Academy High School
Instrumental Music Classes
2009-2010 School Year

Class Overview

Dear NAHS Instrumental Music Students & Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to the Instrumental Music Classes at NAHS. I am looking forward to a very successful year with you in instrumental music, and would like to give you an overview of what will be in store for you this year.

1. Year-Long Commitment - First of all, students and parents/guardians need to understand that this class is for the whole school year, NOT just one semester. We will be learning to play our instruments in the first semester, and then learning to read music with our instruments during the second semester. Therefore students are enrolled in the course for two semesters as per LAUSD graduation requirements & UC/CSU college entrance requirements. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

2. Attendance & Class Participation - Students will be expected to attend class, be on time, participate in class, and bring the appropriate materials (paper, pencil, agenda, etc.) to class. Disruptive or uncooperative behavior will cause low grades in these areas.

3. Performance Class – This is a participation class, and our assignments will be performance oriented. We will have both playing quizzes and test in class, therefore it is very important for you child to be in class for grading. We may have an end-of-the-year culmination performance, and should that happen, it will be mandatory attendance for your child's Spring semester grade. Plenty of notice will be given should we decide to do a concert this year.

4. Homework Policy – Since we are a performance oriented class, your child's homework will be practicing their instrument for playing tests & quizzes, therefore the checking out of an instrument after school in order to practice for their playing tests & quizzes is extremely important if your child is to succeed in the instruments class.

Ms. Galene G. Martinez - Instrumental Music Teacher

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I have read and understand the class expectations.

Students Name: _____ Grade: _____

Instrument: _____ Period: _____

Student's Signature _____ Date: _____

Parent or Guardian's Signature _____ Date: _____

Please return to Ms. Martinez no later than Friday, Sept. 11th, 2009 – Thank you.