

# Welcome to Adapted Music!

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Welcome to the 2021 – 2022 school year! My name is Mrs. Madison Elia, and I am thrilled to be your student's music teacher! Below, you will find details regarding what units and experiences we will explore in adapted music this school year, important dates, the grading policy, and my contact information.

## What to Expect:

What can you expect your student to learn in music this year? Together, we will explore musical traditions from other cultures around the world as well as play instruments, sing, move to music and complete musical listening activities. Each class will be structured the same for routine and repetition, but will have a different and new focus so that your student can expand their knowledge of music and what it has to offer. The daily structure is as follows: Every class will have a physical and vocal warm-up, a listening activity, a singing activity, a movement activity and an instrument activity! We will also sing a hello song and a goodbye song at the start and end of each class together. Each activity will focus on different basic music concepts such as steady beat, melody, tempo, rhythm, dynamics and form, to name a few. Class lessons are created with The National Music Standards in mind. There are four music standards - creating, performing, responding, and connecting, and each of these standards will be represented in every lesson.

## Important Dates:

### *Open House*

When: September 29th from 6:30pm - 8:00pm

Where: McGraw High School

(Make sure to stop by the chorus classroom, Room 38, to say hi and chat in person!)

### *Sweets and Songs Performance and Fundraiser*

When: October 27th at 6:30pm

Where: High School Cafeteria

(Optional - More information on this to come)

## **Grading Policy:**

This class is graded as pass/fail. As long as your student shows up and tries their best to participate, a passing grade will be given. If you have any questions or concerns in regards to this system, please feel free to contact me using the information below.

## **Contact Information**

Mrs. Madison Elia

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My goal is to give your students thorough and exciting musical experiences that they will carry with them throughout their lives. Music is such a powerful tool that can be utilized to strengthen auditory, visual, spatial and motor skills, and I am truly so excited and honored to get the opportunity to interact with, teach, and learn from your amazing students. Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions or concerns. I am looking forward to working with and supporting both you and your students this year!

Sincerely,

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