



# Welcome to Music 8

Mr. Swanson  
Room 25

## ABOUT THIS COURSE

Music 8 is all about enabling students to use critical thinking and performance skills to gain a deeper understanding of music. Students explore and evaluate a variety of music styles through participation in a xylophone band, with opportunities to play additional instruments, such as ukuleles and world drums. Through individual and collaborative creative processes, students develop personal criteria to describe and analyze musical performances while investigating connections between music skills and college, career, and workplace skills, and other fields of knowledge. Students examine historical and cultural influences of music and the value of music in society, including the role of technology in the music industry. Students are prepared for further instruction at the high school level.

## SCHEDULE

Quarter 1 & 2

**Block 4:** 1:08 - 2:37 PM

## PERFORMANCE OPPORTUNITIES

Students will be invited to showcase and celebrate their talents in showcases throughout the year. More info coming soon!

## EXPECTATIONS & GRADING

Students are expected to actively engage in the learning process and consistently demonstrate commitment to their music studies. Regular attendance, punctuality, and active participation in class activities and discussions are essential for success. Grading will be based on a combination of skills practice, quizzes, projects, and performance assessments.

## Get in Touch

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Music is for everyone. Let's meet wherever you are at in your own musical journey.