

**Charles J. Colgan, Sr. High School**  
*“Preparing and Inspiring Students for their Future”*

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**Music Technology**

2017-2018 Course Syllabus

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**Course Description**

Introduction to Music Technology aims to prepare students to make music on a diverse array of platforms. This course emphasizes original music production, aural skills, and digital media. Daily lessons include student creativity and cross-curricular music making. Large-scale creative projects serve as benchmarks for class units and assessment.

**Required Class Materials**

- Google account (username@colganhs.com) for submitting assignments and communication
- home internet access (strongly preferred)
- smart device (optional, for in-class use)

**Course Content**

Content will be based on National Association for Music Education standards for music technology (2014). In addition, much of the course content will be created based on student interests declared through in-class discussion and the “Create a Profile” assignment. Daily lesson plans are shared with students via Google Classroom. Each student will experience a curriculum personalized to best meet their needs and interests.

**Grading/Missed Work**

Grades are reflective of a student’s level of mastery of objectives. Students will be given multiple opportunities to master these.

Summative Assessments (projects and tests): 80%

Formative Assessments (classwork): 20%

A grade of “Incomplete” will be issued until all assignments are submitted.

**Contact Information**

Please always feel free to contact the instructor via e-mail or by phone. Questions asked via Twitter may not be answered.

**For Students**

If you have questions about classwork, homework, tests, etc. the fastest way to reach me is through e-mail. Please be sure to check Google classroom each day to find lesson plans and assignments.

**For Parents**

The best way to contact me is through email. Please encourage your student to be proactive and self-advocate. Both students and parents should check Parent Portal weekly and address any concerns as soon as they arise. I am flexible and willing to help in most circumstances, however, it is very difficult to provide assistance at the last minute or at the end of the quarter/semester/year. The use of SchoolMessenger, Parent Portal, and Remind101, and e-mail will be extremely beneficial in monitoring your student’s progress.