



Helena Middle School Music Tech 2026-27



Welcome!

Welcome to the music tech program at Helena Middle School! Every music tech member that belongs to this program belongs to an outstanding team of fellow musicians who will share music, time, community and laughter throughout the coming school year.

Goals

- To learn and develop basic skills on:
 - Guitar
 - Hand drums
 - Piano
- To read and understand written music.
- To listen to, analyze, create, and appreciate musical styles and genres from around the world.
- To have the opportunity to perform and create music in small groups.
- To give your best effort and have an enjoyable experience while becoming a musician.

Classroom Expectations and Consequences

- **Daily Classroom Routine:** Daily lesson plans will be projected. These lesson plans will include:
 - Bellringer
 - Learning Targets
 - Closing
- **Classroom Expectations:** Every day in music tech, students are expected to do their best every day and participate 100% in classroom activities.
 - **Best Classroom Etiquette:** During class all students are expected to use all musical instruments, classroom materials and furniture with respect and care.
 - **Full Participation:** During class all students are expected to give Ms. Kecskes their full attention and to participate in all activities to the best of their ability.
 - **Clear and Kind Communication:** During class all students are expected to communicate clearly and kindly with everyone. Foul language, shouting, screaming, harassment, bullying, or any other form of unkindness is not tolerated. Hands and feet will always be kept in your own space. Always keep yourself and other safe.
- **Consequences:**
 - **Loss of Daily Participation Points:** Students who are not following classroom expectations will receive verbal warnings.
 - 1 warning: loss of 1 point
 - 2 warnings: loss of 2 points
 - 3 warning: write up
 - **Loss of daily participation points due to inappropriate classroom behavior cannot be made-up.**

- **Behavior Referral:** If students are being unsafe, are escalated and cannot be safely in the choir room with others they will be sent to the office with a behavior referral form. Parents will be informed by the office staff if such an event occurs.
- **Call Home:** For any serious behavior issues students will lose all daily participation points and Ms. Kecskes will call parents/guardians to inform them.

Grading Policy

- **Daily Participation Points:** 5 points per day of rehearsal.
- **Skills Checks:** 30 points.
 - **Grading Scale:**
 - 30: Exceeding the standard.
 - 20: Meeting the standard.
 - 10: Approaching the standard.
 - 0: No participation.
- **Creative Projects:** 50 points.
- **Make-up Assignments:** Make-up assignments can be completed for daily participation points.