

## Middle School Music Appreciation

Instructor: Kristin Geddes

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Tuition: \$45 per student per month

Grades 5-8

**Course Description:** This course will examine the popular music of each decade. Through discussions, projects, and activities students will learn: what styles of music were popular during each decade, popular artist's songs, what was going on in the world and our country during each decade, how people listened to music, the fashion of each decade, inventions and other firsts of each decade, and how music connects to your life. Students will also be introduced to the foundational musical concepts of notation, rhythm, pitch, form, and melody to give a fuller understanding of the inner workings of the pieces and of music in general.

**Supplies needed:** 1" 3-ring binder, with pockets, loose leaf paper, pen

**Homework:** There will be reading expected of students each week to prepare for class and discussion questions, and occasional projects. There will also be an opportunity to take a field trip.

[Grading will be based on student participation/effort and will be a pass or fail grade given at the end of each semester.](#)

**Instructor Information:** Kristin has been married 25 years and has homeschooled her 4 children for 16 years. She has a bachelor's in music education from Baylor, a master's in music performance from Oklahoma City University, and has taught elementary music for 5 years before kids. She has taught various types of music classes to all ages at co-ops as well. This year Kristin began teaching musical theater classes at Classical Ballet School. She loves to share with others her passion for music and theatre.