

**Springs Valley Percussion Ensemble Syllabus**  
**2004 - 2005**  
**Mr. Aylsworth**

**Materials**

Students need the following each day of class: a pencil (not pen), music, and mallets/sticks. Students will need to purchase one pair of drum sticks (\$6.00).

**Rules**

DISCIPLINE PLAN – When in this class, students must comply with the following rules and regulations in addition to the school rules.

1. **Students must be in a seat with music, instrument, and pencil at the proper time.**
2. **Candy, gum, and drinks (including water) are not allowed in the classroom at any time.**
3. **You must raise your hand and wait to be recognized at any time.**
4. **You must keep your hands, feet, and other objects to yourself.**
5. **Students must have an agenda book in order to leave the classroom.**
6. **No TALKING while Mr. Aylsworth is speaking**

**NO gum, candy, drinks, or food**

**Course Content and Grading**

Grades will be determined according to the total number of points accumulated throughout each nine week period. Points will come from a variety of sources, including, but not limited to, the following:

Class behavior

Rhythm sheet and mini scale quizzes

Playing tests

Attending performances and rehearsals – (designated concerts, and other events)

- Percussion Ensemble members are required to attend all performance events designated by Mr. Aylsworth. This includes, but is not limited to, concert events (Percussion ensemble concert, Spring Concert), ISSMA Solo & Ensemble Contest, IPA Contests.
- **Absences at performances will result in a failing grade**
- Percussion ensemble members will be required to attend a small amount of after/before school rehearsals. Attendance at rehearsals will be included in the grading system.
- Absences at rehearsals may be excused for the following reasons when Mr. Aylsworth is notified in writing ahead of time:
  - Funeral services for family members or close family friends.
  - Wedding services for immediate family members (mother, father, siblings).
  - Serious personal issues that have been discussed with Mr. Aylsworth.
  - Illness that would require a student to miss a regular school day. Mr. Aylsworth must be notified before rehearsal if a

student is going to miss an evening rehearsal due to illness. Notifying Mr. Aylsworth after the absence will result in an unexcused absence. If the student was present at school, a doctor's note is required.

- School sponsored activities. Mr. Aylsworth must be notified in advance of the activity.
- Other reasons must be discussed with Mr. Aylsworth.
- **Work is not an excused absence**
- **Unexcused Absences** - Unexcused absences will result in a student losing his or her spot in the band and the lowering of his or her grade. Unexcused absences from a performance may result in the loss of performing spot and a failing grade. Excessive absences will result in loss of performing privileges at the following performance. Numerous absences within the performing group may result in cancellation of contests and events.
- **Every unexcused absence from rehearsal will lower the student's grade by a letter grade.**
- Students must fill out an absence form for each absence. Mr. Aylsworth will determine Excused/Unexcused status.