

Dear Parents or Guardians,



My name is Chris A. Duran, also known as Mr. D. I've been involved with music as a performer and teacher for over 13 years. I love educating children through the power of music, and through it help them see life as a continuous opportunity to grow and achieve greatness. I believe music education can literally change people's lives from the inside out and my daily goal is to use it with that purpose in mind.

As our school year begins, I'm very excited to be working/teaching with your child, and want to take this time to celebrate not only the hard work your child will put into this school year in music class, but also the skills that they will develop through their experiences in their ensemble.

Information about the units of study, class materials, and expectations for this class:

**Topics we'll cover this year:** • Music theory and note reading • Instrument skills • Rhythm studies • Music composition • Bucket Drumming • Mariachi music

**Required Materials:** Students will need to bring a folder/1in binder, sheet protectors (20 sheets), 5 gallon bucket and writing utensil to every music class.

**Grading Policy:** 80% Participation 10% Quizzes/Tests/Projects 10% Classwork

**Class expectations:** • Be on time - be inside the classroom before or when the bell rings. • Be prepared - be in your seat with your folder/binder, a writing utensil, and sheet music. • Be respectful towards others and yourself including instruments/property. • Be responsible for your things.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at [cduran@penascoisd.com](mailto:cduran@penascoisd.com) I am looking forward to a wonderful year!

Musically yours,

Chris A. Duran  
Music Teacher

Please sign and return this slip back to Mr. D by August 18th , 2023.

\_\_\_\_\_ I have read and reviewed the general music packet with my child and understand the policies, information and expectations.

\_\_\_\_\_ Student  
name (print)

\_\_\_\_\_ Parent  
signature

