

Music Terms

1st Quarter – 8th Grade

Piano (*p*) – play music softly

Forte (*f*) – play music loudly

Mezzo Forte (*mf*) – play music medium loud

Mezzo Piano (*mp*) – play music medium soft

Dynamics – determines the volume of the music

Slur – to only tongue the first note in a group of notes

Tonguing – to start a note with the tongue

Tempo – determines the speed of the music

Articulation – how you start and stop a note

Moderato – medium speed or medium tempo

4/4 – 4 beats in a measure and each quarter note receives a beat

Meter Signature – determines the rhythmic division of the music

In 4/4 Time:

- Quarter notes receive 1 beat
- Eighth notes receive ½ beat
- Quarter rests receive 1 beat