

Music Terms

2nd Quarter – 8th Grade

Crescendo – to gradually get louder

Decrescendo – to gradually get softer

Dynamic – determines the volume of the music

Articulation – how you start and stop a note

Staccato – detached and separated

Legato – connected and flowing

Tempo – determines the speed of the music

Allegro - fast

Syncopation – to play the notes on the off beat

Key Signature – the sharps and flats used in a composition

3/4 – 3 beats in a measure and a quarter note receives a beat

Meter Signature – the rhythmic division of the music

In 3/4 Time:

- Quarter notes receive 1 beat
- Half notes receive 2 beats
- Dotted quarter notes receive 1 1/2 beats