The Grammy Awards are an annual award given to those in the recording industry, by those in the recording industry. To win a Grammy, an artist must exhibit excellence to his or her peers.

Goals of this Project: Students will study a Grammy nominated artist. They will learn the history of that artist, as well as important world events at the time of the artist's birth. Students will create a CD album cover, which represents some aspect of their artist's life or music. A final presentation will be given to demonstrate knowledge gained, and teach their peers about their artist.

Project Details:
1. Students will choose an artist. This artist can be anyone who has ever been nominated for a Grammy. This is quite an extensive list. Students are bound to find someone they are interested in. Check with Mr. Dedrick or Mr. Kral for suggestions.
2. Students will study the life of the artist.
   a. Date of Birth / Death (of lead singer if a band)
   b. Reason for Grammy Nomination
   c. Style of music
   d. A minimum of 3 interesting facts about the artist
3. Students will study the period of time in which their artist was born
   a. Any important world events on that date, or in that year?
   b. How does that compare to similar events of today?
   c. Which artists were popular during the time of your artist's birth?
4. Students will create a CD album cover
   a. CD cover will have Artist Name and Title of CD
   b. CD cover will list Artist Facts on the inside.
   c. CD Jewel Case will have song list and Artist Name and Title on the back and sides.
   d. School-appropriate pictures and/or drawings for cover art and background design.
5. Students will have a multimedia element to their presentation. Some suggestions:
   a. Listening example
   b. Video example
   c. Power Point Presentation
6. Teacher Questions – Mr. Dedrick & Mr. Kral will ask questions about your artist and design.

Students will be graded upon a 4 point rubric in 5 different categories. This rubric will combine for an art and music grade totaling 100 points:

- Artist History – are all the needed components included in the presentation?
- World History – did the presentation include elements from the time the artist was born?
- CD Album Cover – are all the needed components included in the final product?
- Overall Presentation – was the presentation well thought out? Was the student prepared? Did it have a multimedia component?
- Teacher Questions – Mr. Dedrick and Mr. Kral will ask you at least one question about your artist and design.

Over the course of this project, students will learn about art and music history as it pertains to the entertainment industry. They will learn about jobs in the industry beyond artist and musician. Students will research using the library and computer lab. They will also conduct their own “Grammy Awards” to see who the class would choose as winners.