

Guitar Club



Stevenson students interested in jamming out and learning more about their favorite songs are invited to join Guitar Club. Here, students play and hang on guitars individually or collaboratively in several genres of their choice. Clinics from guest guitarists and videos are offered throughout the year. Students may bring their own guitar or use any of the school's classical guitars, acoustic guitars, electric guitars or basses.

Guitar Club meets Wednesdays, after school at 3:30 pm in Room 2200.



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Parent Group

Strings Parent Association

Parents of students currently involved in the Stevenson Orchestra and Guitar programs are encouraged to join the Strings Parents Association (SPA). In SPA, parents have the opportunity to meet other parents and get involved in programs to raise money for domestic and international trips, hospitality offerings at concerts, uniforms purchases, membership and more.

Learn more about the Strings Parent Association:



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Stevenson website:
[www.d125.org/arts/
orchestra/string-
parents-association](http://www.d125.org/arts/orchestra/string-parents-association)



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GUITAR
PROGRAM

Four-Year Guitar Program

Stevenson High School offers three levels of guitar curriculum classes as described below.

Guitar Techniques 1 (Beginner) No audition required.

Guitar Techniques 1 is a beginner course and will focus on basic guitar methods. Student musicians will learn to:

- Strum chords
- Read sheet music, lead sheets and guitar tabs
- Learn basic fingerstyle techniques
- Explore rock, blues and classical music



Guitar Techniques 2 (Intermediate)

Each year, Guitar Techniques 2 students will have the opportunity to perform at three concerts. Students musicians will continue their training and be encouraged to:

- Develop fingerstyle techniques
- Learn about famous composers
- Play solos, etudes and ensemble music
- Work on improvisation and jamming



Patriot Guitar Ensemble (Advanced)

Audition required.

Each year, Patriot Guitar Ensemble students will have the opportunity to perform at three concerts. Student musicians will hone in their mastery of guitar with an emphasis on:

- Advanced technique studies
- College-level solos and ensembles
- Repertoires

Seniors who are enrolled in Patriot Guitar and have been active for four semesters in the Guitar Program, earn accelerated-level grade points unless requesting a GPA waiver.

Private Lessons



Stevenson's Music faculty find tremendous value and recommend taking advantage of in-school private lessons. The faculty believes that student musicians interested in getting the greatest possible enjoyment from their involvement in Stevenson's music ensembles should supplement their classroom experience with one-on-one lessons.

While student classroom experience at the high school level focuses on ensemble performance skills, as well as music theory and overall musicianship, involvement in a private lesson program provides additional assistance in further developing individual technique and solo performance skills.



To learn more about private lessons:

Visit the Stevenson website at:
www.d125.org/arts/private-music-lessons



Or visit the PREP website at:
www.d125.org/prep



Additional Opportunities

Guitar Festivals

Students in guitar classes will have the opportunity to attend two major festivals, each with around 300 participants. Students will also have the opportunity to attend these field trips:

- Mid-American Guitar Ensemble Festival
- Day of Guitar at VanderCook College of Music

Travel

Orchestra students have the opportunity to travel on domestic and international tours every two years. In 2022, students will be traveling to Austria and Germany over Spring Break.

Past tours have included Sicily, Rome, Spain, Canada, Portugal, Poland, Czech Republic, Austria, Disney, Universal Studios and Switzerland.



Co-Curricular Opportunities

- Baroque Ensemble (by audition only)
- Guitar Club
- Jazz Ensembles
- Pit Orchestra (requires director's approval)
- SHS Live
- Strings Board (student leadership club)