

High School Syllabus

Department: Music

Course #: 90972W

Course Title: Learning to Play the Piano (Level 1)

DESCRIPTION OF COURSE: Students will experience hands-on learning of the piano using individual keyboards. Working at one's own pace using individualized instruction, each student will gain knowledge of a piano score and practice playing that music on the keyboard. Basic piano techniques and theory will also be incorporated into the student's learning. Grading will be based on performance at the keyboard of musical pieces learned. Self-motivation and ability to work independently are key factors in the success of the student.

REQUIRED TOPICS OF STUDY	SUGGESTED INSTRUCTIONAL TIME	STANDARDS/ ELIGIBLE CONTENT
Introduction to Playing	2-3 weeks	9.1.12
Basic Piano Knowledge: - C, G, Middle C Positions - Expanding 5-finger Position - Scales & Chords (C, G, F Major)	Entire semester	9.1.12
Evaluating music and musical performances	Entire semester	9.1.12, 9.2.12
Famous composers and their music	Entire semester	9.1.12, 9.2.12
Solo Repertoire (listening/performing)	Entire semester	9.1.12, 9.2.12
Sight reading/Ear Training	Entire semester	9.1.12, 9.2.12
Note Reading	1-2 weeks	9.1.12
Rhythm Notation	1-2 weeks	9.1.12
Rhythm Tapping	1-2 weeks	9.1.12
Symbols	1-2 weeks	9.1.12
Intervals	1-2 weeks	9.1.12

RESOURCES: Alfred's Basic Adult Piano Course (Levels 1, 2, & 3), Musition software (Lessons include Note Reading, Rhythm Notation, Rhythm Tapping, Symbols and Intervals); Piano Keyboards; Classroom handouts (includes worksheets on note reading, rhythm notation, rhythm tapping, symbols and intervals)

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