

High School Syllabus

Department: Music

Course #: 90973W

Course Title: Learning to Play the Piano (Level 2)

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 continue to build technique and performance repertoire. Music theory and technique necessary for more advanced piano literature will be incorporated into the student's learning, including written and aural skills. Grading will be based on performance at the keyboard of musical pieces learned.

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 and a, d minor) - Chord reading and performance strategies (Alberti bass, broken chords, etc.)	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, Rhythm notation, Rhythm tapping, Symbols, Interval	Entire semester	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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