



Guitar Studio

Insert Teacher Name

Insert Room Number

Semester

Insert Period

Insert Email Address

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Guitar studio provides the knowledge and skills necessary to begin playing the guitar.

Study includes chords and their structure, musical notation, strumming patterns, basic fingerpicking, instrument maintenance, and performance. Students will perform a variety of repertoire representing varying genres and degrees of difficulty based on their individual goals and overall skill development. No guitar or experience required.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

Students will

- use a chromatic tuner to accurately tune guitar strings.
- hold the guitar and pick in a playing position with proper posture, arm, and hand position.
- play basic first position open chords (E, Em, C, D, Dm G, A, Am).
- use correct finger technique on the fingerboard.
- demonstrate correct picking and strumming techniques.
- perform linear lines reading both standard music notation and guitar tablature.
- demonstrate right hand fingerpicking patterns.
- string muting techniques for guitar.
- perform 12 bar blues rhythm guitar.
- independently identify and learn chords.
- independently identify and learn strumming patterns.
- develop an individualized rehearsal plan.
- perform a song of their choosing.

UNITS OF STUDY

- Unit 1: Building the Foundation
- Unit 2: Basic Playing Techniques and Chords
- Unit 3: Intermediate Notation & Techniques
- Unit 4: Rock & Blues Techniques
- Unit 5: Performance: Individual and/or with a Group

COURSE POLICIES AND REQUIREMENTS

GRADING

Cumulative/In-Progress Grade:

- 10% of the grade will be based on formative assessments, homework completion, or behavior (see FPS BOE [Policy 6154AR](#))
- 90% will be based on summative assessments based on a minimum of four assessments (see FPS BOE Policy 6146AR)

End-of-the-Year Grade:

- 90% of the overall course grade will reflect the student's mastery of course content and skills during the school year through the Cumulative/In-Progress Grade.
- 10% of the End-of-the-Year course grade will be based on the Final Assessment.

Grade Reporting

- All grades will be communicated through Infinite Campus
- Summative assessment results will be reported back to the student within ten school days from the date of submission or the due date.

Guidelines for Late Work (see FPS BOE Policy 6146AR):

- Late work will be accepted for both summative and formative tasks within a defined timeline agreed upon between the student and the teacher
- The total points may be reduced as a penalty for late work