

High School AP Music Theory Syllabus

Course Description/Goals:

AP Music Theory is an introductory college-level music theory course. Students cultivate their understanding of music theory through analyzing performed and notated music as they explore concepts like pitch, rhythm, form, and musical design. Learn more about this course on the College Board website. The district expectation is that the student will take the appropriate AP Exam for each AP course in which he/she is enrolled. NISD will continue to financially partner with families in this effort and bring the total per exam price as low as possible.

Course TEKS/Objectives:

The Texas TEKS (Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills) for Music (grade 9-12) is organized into learning and performance categories, each focusing on a specific area of music. These categories include: Music literacy; creative expression; historical and cultural relevance; and critical evaluation and response.

<https://tea.texas.gov/about-tea/laws-and-rules/sboe-rules-tac/sboe-tac-currently-in-effect/ch117c.pdf>

Course Outline:

Semester 1	Semester 2
<ul style="list-style-type: none">-form and analysis-scales and modes-part-writing-melodic and harmonic dictation-ear training-listening skills-sight-singing-role understanding within the ensemble-music literacy-performance preparation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">-composition-advanced notations-advanced form and analysis-music literacy-advanced melodic and harmonic dictation-advanced major and minor scales and modes-part-writing-ear training-advanced sight-singing