



Beginner Guitar 5th Period, 2025-26 Instructional Plan

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Beginner Guitar

The beginner guitar class is for all students of any age with little to no experience playing guitar. We build on our fundamentals of music, guitar, and being a music student. This success is driven by you as the student to maintain daily practice and come to class with the right mindset to learn and grow. The Beginner Guitar Class consistently aims to push our personal understanding and skill on the guitar.

Moreover, the students will champion all other students by encouraging and setting the example of what it means to be a guitar student both inside and outside of the classroom.

Expectations for being in the Sinfonietta Orchestra

Being a member of Guitar all members need to exemplify what it means to be a member of Guitar. We share a commitment to excellence and comradery to push the boundaries of our knowledge, skills, and musicianship to have better performances on and off the stage.

Shared principles:

- **Be Respectful** - We must respect our peers, teachers, ourselves, our equipment and our instruments. Treat everyone with kindness and consideration, especially when they are making mistakes or learning something new.
- **Be Prepared** - Come to class with your instrument, materials, and the right mindset to have a successful rehearsal. Practicing is essential for our success and being prepared for our rehearsals and performances.
- **Be Disciplined** - Good Musicianship is routed in successful daily routines and effort. Always strive for improvement everyday, no matter how small it may be. Discipline will help you stay consistent especially when you don't feel like practicing.
- **Be a Team Player** - We succeed together and we fail together. Support your section, listen actively, and offer encouragement to your peers
- **Take Ownership** - Students are responsible for their own progress, preparation, and behavior. We all must take ownership of our mistakes rather than making excuses. Apologizing and fixing behavior without being forced and helping our peers who are struggling.



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COURSE DESCRIPTION

We will have weekly rehearsals covering technique, musical nuances, and collaborating to create the best music performances we can. We will be working together to achieve the goals determined by the director as well as a class as a whole.

COURSE ACTIVITIES (What we will be doing)

Below you will find descriptions of the most common activities that students will participate in during the course of each semester.

Throughout the year, students will:

- Practicing at home Daily
- 2-3 Rehearsals per week
- Multiple Performances/Concerts throughout the year
- Before or After school rehearsals/tutorials
- Chair tests

GRADES - Click here for → [YWLA Grading Policy](#)

Major (Chair Tests, Concerts)	60%
Minor (Participation in rehearsals)	40%

Concert Dates (Major Grades)

October 10th - Fall Concert

Dec 4th - Christmas Concert

February 14th - Winter/Spring

May 7th - Spring Concert I

Potential invitation to May 14th- Orchestra Spring concert

Please feel free to reach out with any questions or concerns. We are excited to work together to make this a successful year of learning!
