

# Guitar Class Syllabus

*Thanks for joining my Guitar Class!  
You're getting high school credit for  
doing something you actually want to  
do, and I'm getting paid to do something  
I want to do!*

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## In this class you will become:

1. An independent musician
  - a. You will read music.
  - b. You will play in different styles.
  - c. You will use good technique.
  - d. You will play expressively.
  - e. You will be able to learn music without my help!
2. A smart music listener
  - a. You will know what to listen for in music.
  - b. You will describe music using real music words.
  - c. You will be able to share informed musical opinions.

How will Mr. Berntson know you're becoming those two things?

1. Short playing tests (almost every day)
2. Short writing assignments (about once per week)
3. Performance (we'll have a concert at the end of the semester on Thursday, January 8, 2025 at 1:30 p.m.)

## Packer Process

### Compassion in the classroom

Be kind to each other.

Be kind to me.

### Collaboration in this classroom

Work with each other.

Work with me.

### Responsibility in this classroom

Do what you're supposed to do even when you don't feel like it.

### Resilience in this classroom

Instead of giving up, break problems down or push pause.