

Calallen ISD 2025-2026
Syllabus

Campus: Calallen High School

Course and/or Grade Level: PAC Music Theory

Course Description: PAC Music Theory I includes the basic fundamentals of musicianship, theory, musical materials, basic terminology, ear training and sight-singing procedures. It also integrates interval studies and identification with simple melodic and harmonic dictation. Completion of this course will prepare students with the essential skills and fundamentals needed to take the AP Music Theory Course. This course is designed for students willing to take on the extra rigor of an advanced class and for students interested in studying music after high school.

Semester 1: August 13 - December 19, 2025

1st Quarter Topics	2nd Quarter Topics
1. Introduction, clefs, staff notation, low/high ear train 2. Note/rest values, rhythm basics, rhythmic dictation 3. Time signatures, simple and compound classification 4. Repeat signs, dynamics, tempo markings, endings 5. Flats, sharps, naturals, enharmonics 6. Whole steps, half steps, tetrachords 7. Major Scales 8. Major Key Signatures, Circle of 5ths – Major	1. Chromatic and whole tone scales 2. Intervals: identification and writing 3. Minor scales: natural, harmonic, melodic 4. Scale degree names, relative minor/major 5. Major/minor complete circle of 5ths 6. Modes

Semester 2: January 5 - May 29, 2026

3rd Quarter Topics	4th Quarter Topics
1. Triads, Primary and Major Triads (I, IV, V) 2. minor, diminished, Augmented Triads 3. Triads in inversion 4. Seventh chords, dominant 7th, inversions 5. Figured Bass 6. Primary Major Chord Progressions (I, IV, V, V7) 7. Primary triads and chord progressions in a minor key 8. Voice leading principles	1. Cadences and phrase structure 2. Diatonic harmony (I, IV, V, vi, etc.) 3. Non-chord tones (passing, neighbor, suspension, etc.) 4. Introduction to figured bass and Roman numeral analysis 5. Harmonizing a melody in a Major key 6. Compose a melody in a Major key 7. Musical form: binary, ternary, rondo Composition project & review

**Minor adjustment to the schedule may be made based on campus schedules and student needs.*

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