

Syllabus: Guitar 1

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Class Content

Guitar 1 includes basic guitar chords, blues progressions, and basic note reading and tablature. Students will use school guitars in class, but having one at home for practice would be helpful.

Prerequisite: Interest in playing guitar

Note: left hand fingernails must be kept short enough to play properly

Course Goals:

Students completing Guitar 1 should know the notes on all six strings, be able to play primary chords in the keys of C and G Major, read basic tablature, and be able to play a blues progression in the key of A. Students will also start developing skills in playing chord accompaniments and solos.

Course Texts

21st Century Guitar Method by Aaron Stang: Method Book 1 and Rock Shop 1

Assessment/Evaluation for Grading

Grades will be earned on assignments, written tests, and played tests. Each of these will have a point value; the grade is determined by the percentage of these points that is earned.

See the school-wide grade procedure on the reverse for further grading information.

Attendance Policy

- This is a hands-on class, so you need to be here to learn the material. Students missing four or more classes-whatever the reason-are unlikely to earn credit.
- Students with unexcused tardies will not play that day.
- Students missing a test or assignment due date for school activities should make arrangements in advance. This includes college visits, job shadow, etc.
- Students missing an assignment due date or test for legitimate illness or funeral should make arrangements immediately upon their return.
- There is never a makeup opportunity for an unexcused absence. Anything listed as "ATR" or "AUN" in the Campus system is unexcused.

Student Signature: _____

Parent Signature: _____