

Stanhope Elmore High School

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Course Objectives

Guitar Class covers the basics of the instrument and an application of essential music fundamentals. Students will learn the basics of playing guitar at a beginning level through studying music notation, chord symbols, and peer modeling. A brief history of the guitar along with a study of its respective musical styles will also be covered in this course.

The main objective of this course is to create an enhanced appreciation for music through playing the guitar. Students will learn how to read music notation, chord symbols, and tablature. Students will also gain a better understanding of many different musical genres including classical, flamenco, blues, jazz, rock, and pop music.

Behavior Policy

Guidelines

1. Be punctual.
2. Be prepared.
3. Be respectful.
4. Refrain from eating and drinking in the classroom.

Consequences

1. Warning
2. Step One on Behavior Management Form
3. Step Two on Behavior Management Form and Parent Notification
4. Step Three on Behavior Management Form*
5. Office referral

(Disciplinary Class A offenses will be handled with the step form. All other offenses will be written on an Office Referral.)

Goals and Expectations

- 1) Students will learn the basics of how to play the guitar in a supportive group setting and will gain a deeper understanding of the impact of the instrument on music throughout its history.
- 2) Students will increase their musical knowledge by reading music notation and chord symbols on a daily basis along with learning common scales and beginning improvisational techniques.
- 3) Students will perform music in small groups and as a large guitar ensemble. Semester cumulative concerts will be scheduled outside of school near the end of the semester to showcase the achievements of the students.

Practice

Success in this class will depend upon the student's drive to learn music and to practice. Students are strongly encouraged to attend class every day and to practice at least 15 minutes each afternoon/evening. Students will have assignments to turn in via recording to pass off lines in their method books.

Materials Provided

The following materials will be provided for every student in class every day. The SEHS Music Department has a limited supply of school owned instruments available for students use. The school will provide guitars for classroom instruction, but these guitars cannot be checked out for home practice. It is recommended that students purchase or borrow a guitar, method book, strap, picks, and tuner for home practice.

- Acoustic Guitar
- Soft Case
- Strap
- Guitar Picks
- Tuner
- Method Book

Required Materials and Supplies

1 – 3 Ringed Binder

Pencils

Highlighters

Recording Device for at home playing assignments

Guitar and necessary accessories for home practice

Grading Policy

The grading scale follows the school and county guidelines on the grading scale.

(A 100-90, B 89-80, C 79-70, D 69-60, F 59 and below)

Each nine weeks grade will consist of:

60% Major Grades (Daily Class Performance, Concerts, etc.)

40% Minor Grades (Pass-Offs, Projects, etc.)

The final grade will be calculated in the following manner:

40% First semester grade

10% Mid-term Exam

40% Second semester grade

10% Final Exam

All students will be required to attend and participate in the end of semester concert. Students whose grade average and attendance does not meet the Elmore County Board of Education exemption policy will be required to take a written exam.

Class Fee

Guitar Class Fee \$30.00

Fees will go to the purchasing new music, purchasing new instruments, and repair costs.

Checks can be made out to **SEHS and paid no later than September 29th, 2023.**

Performance Dress

Students will need black dress pants, a black dress shirt, and black closed toe shoes for performances.