



C. Milton Wright High School

Guitar Lab

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Availability (Office Hours): 7:00-7:30 (before school),

10:41-11:04 (first lunch), 2:15-3:00 (after school)

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Course Syllabus 2017 -2018

I. Course Description

This course provides the student an opportunity to learn basic guitar skills and techniques through study of various styles of music for the guitar. Guitar Lab is designed to develop the basic skills necessary to be a successful performer and overall musician through the study of music theory, vocabulary, historical references, performance opportunities and creative composition.

II. Course Outcomes

1. Students will demonstrate the ability to perceive, perform, and respond to music.
2. Students will demonstrate an understanding of music as an essential aspect of history and human experience.
3. Students will demonstrate the ability to organize musical ideas and sounds creatively.
4. Students will demonstrate the ability to make aesthetic judgments.
5. Students will demonstrate an understanding of music notation in order to perform a variety of repertoire.

III. Assessment

Students are graded according to their participation in class, attendance, and successful completion of all class work, homework, projects, quizzes, and performances. Students will be given regular projects, theory and playing quizzes each semester.

IV. Grading

Classwork	10 - 20 points
Quizzes (playing and written)	20 - 30 points
Tests/Projects (playing and written)	50-100 points
Spring Concert (<i>Tuesday, May 15th - 7:00pm</i>)	100 points

V. Supplies

1. Pencil - This *must* be with you every class
2. Guitar Picks
3. Three Ring Binder with three dividers - label the sections: **Exercises, Class Work, Songs** - By bringing it to class the first time, you will earn 25 points. You will need to have it by _____ to earn the 25 points.

VI. Classroom Procedures/Expectations:

It is necessary for all students to observe and obey the following rules for this class to ensure a positive learning environment. Any student who is unable to follow these guidelines will have their guitar privileges revoked for a time period determined by the teacher. All students will adhere to the following:

1. Be **ON TIME** and **BE PREPARED**.
2. Be **RESPECTFUL** of other students and of Dr. Frisch.
3. Absolutely **NO** drinks (other than water), food, gum, or headphones. Cell phones may be used **ONLY** when instructed to do so.
4. Play **ONLY** the guitar assigned to you and **ONLY** during instructed playing time.
5. Your guitar must either be in your hand or safely placed on a guitar stand at all times.
6. The guitar is a musical instrument and should be treated with respect.
7. At the beginning of each class, you will take a music stand and a guitar stand and put them away as you exit.

VII. Attendance

Attendance is mandatory to achieve success. You are responsible for all work when you are absent from class for both excused and unexcused absences. Please do not request makeup work at the beginning of class. Instead, please come find me during my available office hours. If you are absent from a class, I will expect you to have a note upon your return.

Attendance at the Spring Concert is **MANDATORY** and will be a **100** point performance grade. Our Spring Concert is on **Tuesday, May 15th at 7:00pm**. Failure to participate in the performance without a valid reason for your absence will result in a zero. Absences from this performance for which the grade penalty will be imposed include, but are not limited to the following:

1. Work
2. Concerts/Sporting Events
3. School work – The rotating schedule provides you with ample time to complete your homework, if you are responsible and plan ahead.

VIII. Academic Integrity Policy

Academic dishonesty, including but not limited to cheating, assisting, misrepresentation, and plagiarism (CAMP) will not be tolerated. Please refer to p. 70 - 71 of the student handbook for more information about academic dishonesty and its consequences.