

# GUITAR

**BEGINNER**

**INTERMEDIATE**

**ADVANCED**

<b>Course:</b> Beginning Guitar Level 1 #13013200	
<b>Credit for Graduation:</b> 1.0 Credit - Meets Performing Arts or Practical Arts Requirement	
<b>Pre-requisite:</b> Interest in Music, Guitar, and performance.	
<b>Description:</b> Beginning Guitar is a performing arts class offering introductory experience in music making and performance, with the opportunity for development and improvement of fundamental skills in guitar.  The first semester we focus on learning the basics of music making and instrument care, including tuning and learning open chords on the guitar. The goal is to develop the basic skills needed to play through a variety songs played using common chords.  The second semester we work on expanding those skills, incorporating advanced techniques and learning more difficult songs. This includes Barre chords and more complex strumming patterns.	<b>Expectations:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Students will show respect for themselves, their peers, teachers, and musical instruments</li><li>• Learn new skills and techniques<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ 1<sup>st</sup> year: Basic Chords, Group Work, Performance Skills</li></ul></li><li>• Practice at home</li><li>• In-class rehearsal (solo and small group) and demonstration of new skills during in-class performances</li><li>• At least one Video Log of guitar performance per semester, emailed directly to the teacher</li><li>• Participation in discussions and written work in class</li></ul>
<b>Resources/Materials:</b>  School guitars are available for students to check out for overnight practice, but must be returned at the beginning of the following school day. (Students that fail to return a guitar and students that return a guitar that has been seriously damaged may be assessed a \$120 fee to replace the guitar).  <b>Website:</b>	

## INTERMEDIATE

<b>Course:</b> Intermediate Guitar Level 2 #13013300 Level 3 #13013400 Level 4 Honors #13013500	
<b>Credit for Graduation:</b> 1.0 Credit - Meets Performing Arts or Practical Arts Requirement	
<b>Pre-requisite:</b> Guitar I	
<b>Description:</b> <p>Intermediate Guitar is an arts class offering continued experience in music making and performance, with the opportunity for improvement of fundamental skills in guitar.</p> <p>Students with previous guitar experience build on their skills and knowledge, adding chords, new strumming and finger-picking patterns, movable major and minor scales, basic music theory, more complex bass lines and lead sheets, and ensemble skills for a variety of music.</p> <p>Beginning guitarists explore the careers and music of significant performers. Public performances may serve as a culmination of specific instructional goals. Students may be required to attend and/or participate in rehearsals and performances outside the school day to support, extend, and assess learning in the classroom. This course may also require students to obtain a musical instrument (e.g., borrow, rent, purchase) from an outside source.</p> <p>The first semester we will build upon the skills learned in guitar 1: barre chords, strumming, scales, and styles. The goal is to develop the skills needed to play in a variety of styles, playing solo, in pairs, and in trios.</p> <p>The second semester we use these skills continue to expand student repertoire and prepare students for performances of more accomplished pieces.</p> <p>Advanced students continue to build skills towards public performance and music literacy, learning to read sheet music, playing in pairs and trios, and developing more challenging repertoire.</p>	<b>Expectations:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Students will show respect for themselves, their peers, teachers, and musical instruments</li><li>● Learn new skills and techniques<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ 2<sup>nd</sup> year: Advanced Playing, Group Performances</li><li>○ 3<sup>rd</sup> year: Advanced Ensemble Performances</li><li>○</li></ul></li><li>● Practice at home</li><li>● In-class rehearsal (solo and small group) and demonstration of new skills during in-class performances</li><li>● At least one Video Log of guitar performance per semester, emailed directly to the teacher</li><li>● Participation in discussions and written work in class</li></ul>
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## ADVANCED – GUITAR

<b>Course:</b> Advanced Guitar Level 3 #13013400 Level 4 Honors #13013500	
<b>Credit for Graduation:</b> 1.0 Credit - Meets Performing Arts or Practical Arts Requirement	
<b>Pre-requisite:</b> Demonstration of skills covered in Beginner and Advanced Guitar classes.	
<b>Description:</b> <p>Students with at least 2 years of previous experience strengthen their guitar skills and knowledge, adding a variety of chords; refining finger-picking and strumming patterns; reading notation in 1st, 2nd, and 5th position; and learning stylistic nuances, left-hand technique, and alternative fingering.</p> <p>Guitarists will learn music using both tablature and standard notation. Guitarists will study the work of significant musicians and develop significant self-assessment skills. Public performances may serve as a culmination of specific instructional goals. Students may be required to attend and/or participate in rehearsals and performances outside the school day to support, extend, and assess learning in the classroom. This course may also require students to obtain a musical instrument (e.g., borrow, rent, purchase) from an outside source.</p>	<b>Expectations:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Students will show respect for themselves, their peers, teachers, and musical instruments</li><li>• Prepare for public and in-school performances</li><li>• Practice at home</li><li>• In-class rehearsal (solo and small group) and demonstration of new skills during in-class performances</li><li>• At least one Video Log of guitar performance per semester, emailed directly to the teacher</li><li>• Participation in discussions and written work in class</li></ul>
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