

# Piano - Syllabus

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**Room #:** 208

**Year:** 2022-2023

**Course Name and Title:** Piano

## Materials Needed:

- **Alfred's Basic Adult Piano Coursebook (level 1 and level 2 book provided)**
- **A Black binder** with dividers, sheet protectors, and paper.
- **A sharpened pencil** (with you at all times during class).

## Course Description:

This course is designed for students who wish to develop basic piano playing skills or expand on their existing skills. Time in class will be spent on the keyboards. While playing, students will be working individually and in small groups to master the techniques of playing and to learn pieces. There will also be time spent in group instruction on musical notation and theory.

## Course Outline and Content:

The piano program at Woodland High School consists of performing groups striving toward excellence of musicianship, mastery of technique and true artistry. This is a year-long course which will further develop the techniques and skills required to perform music on piano. This course will provide an advancing knowledge of music using beginning and intermediate concepts as a foundation. Advancing concepts will be explored in the areas of rhythm, articulation, tuning, and notation reading. The goal of this course is to foster a life-long appreciation of music and to develop the skills necessary to have a successful music experience in and out of school.

## Course Objectives:

By the end of this course, the successful student will be able to:

1. Understand fundamental musical concepts through playing the piano.
2. Know the note names on both the treble and bass clefs.
3. Play with rhythmic accuracy.
4. Identify key signatures/hand positions.
5. Know the basic musical terms and symbols essential to playing beginning piano music.

## Classroom Rules and Discipline Procedures:

**To ensure an optimum learning environment, please adhere to the following WHS Student Non-Negotiables:**

- Be in class on time
- Be prepared for class and ready to learn before the bell rings
- Dress for success – follow the dress code
- Refrain from eating in the classroom
- Hats and headgear should be removed upon entering the building
- Technology use is at the discretion of each teacher
- Use appropriate language in the building
- Everything A.C.E.S.
- **No food, drink, candy, or gum is allowed in the piano room**

- **Maintain Short Fingernails.** Short means not beyond the end of the finger. Short enough to curve the fingers (fingertip) properly.
- Respect is a two-way street. Please give respect to everyone in the classroom at all times.
- Cell phones are to be used only for instructional purposes. Any cell phone being used during class for any other reason will be taken and returned at the conclusion of the school day.

#### **Make-up Work Policies:**

It is the responsibility of the student to request make-up work *IMMEDIATELY* after returning to school from an absence. Students have three school days to complete and submit make-up work to teachers. Make-up work will not be given after three or more days have passed without the student requesting make-up work. All extra music theory papers will in the class folder and on Google Classroom. It is your responsibility to pick up the missed work.

#### **Grading Requirements (semester grading):**

40%- Practice work (Classwork, participation, homework, etc.)

40% - Assessments (Weekly playing quizzes, unit tests, etc.)

20% - Semester Exam

#### **Academic Integrity Policy:**

Academic integrity is a fundamental value of quality education; therefore, Woodland High School will not tolerate any acts of cheating, plagiarism, or falsification of schoolwork. Should it be determined that an academic integrity violation has taken place, the school reserves the right to assign a grade of zero and submit a disciplinary referral to the appropriate Assistant Principal. The school also reserves the right to remove or suspend enrollment in any Advanced Placement/Honors classes as well as Academic Honor Societies.

#### **Technology Information:**

If you experience technical issues, please use the launchpad to access Technology Services Incident IQ to report your issue.