

Liberty Middle School  
Piano Class Syllabus

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**Course Content:** The Piano class (listed as Music on their schedule and in It's Learning) at Liberty is part of the 9 week rotation of classes offered to students as part of their connections classes. Students are assigned randomly to the class. Instruction will be given in the following areas:

- playing simple songs in both hands in the C and G positions
- learning the names of the notes and their values
- identifying the letter names of notes on the staff and the white keys on the piano
- recognizing numerous musical symbols and knowing what they mean
- recognizing intervals in music
- creating simple melodies, accompaniments and variations
- improvising on the piano
- learning about historically significant composers

**Materials Used:** Electronic keyboards which are housed in room 515; *Alfred's Basic Adult Piano Course, Book 1* (provided); pencil

**Standards:** The standards for the class will be based on the Georgia Performance Standards for General Music. They can be accessed through the following links:

[Grade 6](#)

[Grade 7](#)

[Grade 8](#)

**Grading:**

Grading will be based on formative assessments will include written quizzes and skill tests. Summative assessments will include major written tests, skill tests and composition projects. Formative assessments will be worth 20% of the student's' grade while summative assessments are 80%. Performance or skill tests will be graded using the rubric which can be found in It's Learning.