PETERS TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT

CORE BODY OF KNOWLEDGE (CBK)

PIANO/SONGWRITING LAB
GRADES 9-12

For each of the sections that follow, students may be required to understand, apply, analyze, evaluate, or create the particular concepts being taught.

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Piano/Songwriting Lab will provide students the opportunity to develop beginning, intermediate and advanced piano and electronic keyboard skills. Students will work independently at their level of experience and progress through developmentally appropriate materials and literature. There will also be opportunities for students compose music and collaborate with people all over the globe.

STUDY SKILLS

- Identify Keys on a Piano
- Identify and Play Chords
- Identify and Play Chord Progressions
- Compose Musical Compositions
- Upload Compositions to Kompoz.com
- Collaborate with People on Composition

MAJOR UNIT THEMES:

1. PIANO ORIENTATION

- Set up and care for acoustic and electronic equipment

2. MAJOR SCALE, MAJOR TRIADS, AND CIRCLE OF FIFTHS

- Demonstrate an understanding of musical elements and symbols
- Create and use chord progression to accompany songs
- Identify basic compositional skills

3. CHORD CREATION CHANGES AND ADDITIONS

- Read and perform musical notation
- Perform with correct posture and hand position
- Recognize, finger and perform intervals, scales, arpeggios, and chord progressions from written notation (major and minor keys)

- Practice and progress through a sequence of exercises and compositions which increase in difficulty and are selected by the instructor

4. PARTICIPATION / PROGRESS / PERFORMANCE/IMPROVISATION

- Participate and practice daily in class
- Keep a log of practice
- Perform selected solo repertoire of appropriate level for the teacher and peers in class recitals

5. CHORD PROGRESSION AND SONG CREATION

- Create a chord progression
- Investigate different musical forms
- Create a musical form for his/her composition
- Create composition
- Conduct periodic self evaluations of his/her progress

MATERIALS

- Synthesizer(s)
- Sheet Music
- iPad
- Sound Equipment
- Computers
- Student's Phones and Tablets (BYOD)
- Projector
- Apple TV
- Connecting Wires and Adapters
- Garageband Software
- Protools Software