

Curriculum Map: Guitar

Course: GUITAR Sub-topic: Guitar

Grade(s): 9 to 12

Course Description: Guitar is a one-semester course covering the basics of the instrument and an application of essential music fundamentals. Students will learn the basics of playing guitar at a beginning level through studying music notation, chord symbols, and peer modeling. A brief history of the guitar along with a study of its respective musical styles will also be covered in this course. The main objective of this course is to create an enhanced appreciation for music through playing the guitar. Students will learn how to read music notation, chord symbols, and tablature. Students will also gain a better understanding of many different musical genres including classical, flamenco, blues, jazz, rock, and pop music.

Course Textbooks, Workbooks, Materials Citations:

1. Yamaha FD01S Acoustic Guitar
2. Soft traveling case for guitar (for home practice)
3. Tuner
4. Guitar picks
5. Music stand

Unit: Fundamentals

Timeline: Week 1 to 3

Topic: Instrument Maintenance

Minutes for Topic: 164

Topic: Positioning, Posture, and Picks

Minutes for Topic: 210

Topic: String Names and Notes

Minutes for Topic: 210

Topic: Tuning

Minutes for Topic: 210

Unit: Introductory Chords

Timeline: Week 4 to 7

Topic: D and D7

Minutes for Topic: 210

Topic: A7

Minutes for Topic: 210

Unit: Intermediate Chords

Timeline: Week 8 to 11

Topic: G and G7

Minutes for Topic: 210

Topic: C

Minutes for Topic: 210

Topic: E minor

Minutes for Topic: 210

Topic: A minor

Minutes for Topic: 210

Topic: F

Minutes for Topic: 210

Unit: Advanced Chords

Timeline: Week 12 to 15

Topic: B, B7, and B minor

Minutes for Topic: 210

Topic: C7 and Cadd9

Minutes for Topic: 210

Topic: D minor

Minutes for Topic: 210

Topic: G minor

Minutes for Topic: 210

Topic: F minor

Minutes for Topic: 210

Unit: Listening and Ensemble Skills

Timeline: Week 1 to 18

Topic: Ensemble Listening

Minutes for Topic: 410

Topic: Strumming Patterns

Minutes for Topic: 410

Topic: Playing as a Band

Minutes for Topic: 410

Unit: Performance Practice

Timeline: Week 1 to 18

Topic: Halloween Performance Preparation

Minutes for Topic: 410

Topic: Holiday Performance Practice

Minutes for Topic: 410