

Basics of Proper Playing Technique

Essential Understandings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> One must have a good foundation of proper playing technique and fundamentals to achieve a high level of performance in piano.
Essential Questions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> What abilities and knowledge are needed to begin playing the piano at a beginner / intermediate level?
Essential Knowledge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preparation for a quality performance includes practicing technical playing, eye and hand coordination and knowledge of basic music theory.
Vocabulary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Terms</u>: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> staff, notes, rhythm, key signatures, chords
Essential Skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Demonstrate proper eye / hand coordination. Demonstrate proper fingering and hand position. Perform pieces of different genres with proper technique and stylistic differences.
Related Maine Learning Results	<p><u>Music</u></p> <p>A. Creative Expression</p> <p>A1.Music Difficulty</p> <p>Students perform music that requires well-developed technical skills, attention to phrasing and interpretation, and the ability to perform various meters and rhythms in a variety of keys while modeling proper posture and technique alone or with others.</p> <p>B. Creation, Performance, and Expression</p> <p>B1.Style/Genre</p> <p>Students perform music of various styles and genres that require well-developed technical skills, attention to phrasing and interpretation and various meters and rhythms in a variety of keys, accurately applying the accumulated knowledge and skills of: proper posture and techniques, musical notation, symbols, and terminology.</p> <p>C. Creative Problem Solving</p> <p>C1.Application of Creative Process</p> <p>Students apply and analyze creative problem solving and creative-thinking skills to improve or vary their own work and the work of others.</p>
Sample Lessons And Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prepare several piano pieces for classroom performance Perform several scales with proper fingering and rhythmic values Demonstrate correct posture for performance and rehearsal

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Sample Classroom Assessment Methods	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Playing tests▪ Written theory test▪ Individual observation and critique
Sample Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ <u>Publications:</u><ul style="list-style-type: none">○ <u>Adult All in One Course</u> – Alfred○ Piano pieces from various composers