

Music Theory

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Period 4

Day 1,2,3,4,6

Introduction

Welcome to Music Theory. This course will provide you with the ability to create music of your own through composition. We will also analyze existing pieces of music and incorporate techniques used to develop your own compositional style. A major component of these analyzing techniques will be ear-training, which will develop over the span of the year.

Materials

You must have a manuscript notebook (as large as possible), a folder to collect worksheets, and you may want a flash drive, or whatever you kids are storing stuff on these days.

Attendance

Attendance is mandatory for this class. Skipping class will not be tolerated. Detention will be assigned and your grade will be affected.

AP Exam

The AP Music Theory exam will be given in May. Anyone registered for this class will be permitted to take the exam. It is optional. In January, I will be brutally honest with you as to your chances of passing the exam.

Major Concepts to be Studied

- ♪ Notation
- ♪ Tonality
- ♪ Melodic Writing
- ♪ Counterpoint
- ♪ Chords
- ♪ 4-part writing
- ♪ Modes
- ♪ Non-harmonic tones
- ♪ Secondary Dominants
- ♪ Modulation
- ♪ Incomplete 9th, neopolitan 6th chords, augmented 6th chords
- ♪ Vacuuming

Homework

Due to the amount of material to be covered, homework will be assigned nearly every day. Each homework assignment will be corrected and graded. Late homework will not be accepted. You may pass in late homework.....I'll look at it and help you.....you just won't get a grade unless you have a really good reason. (See grading policy)

Quizzes

Periodic quizzes will be given during class time. They will make up a substantial portion of your final grade (See grading policy)

Grading Policy

22.5%	Homework will be given just about every day. Each homework assignment will be graded.
22.5%	Quizzes will be given periodically. They may be announced or not.
22.5%	Special projects (compositions, papers, etc.) will be assigned periodically. You will be given plenty of notice.
22.5%	Quarterly, mid-term, and final cumulative exams will comprise the remainder of your grade.

Miscellaneous

- ♪ You chose this class because you enjoy music and want to know more about it. You will all run into some snags along the way. Don't give up!!! You will find it all worth it.
- ♪ My door is always open for help with this class. It is OK to be confused. It is not OK to stay that way.