

## **Piano – Semester Course**

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In piano class, students will learn the basics of reading music, scales, sight reading, rhythm & playing. Students will be tested on concepts learned during their time in class and given time to individually practice each assignment. Students must have headphones, a three-ring binder and a pencil daily for this class.

### Grading

#### **Major Assignments – 55%**

Students will have 2 major assessments every 9 weeks over content learned. All assessments will be announced and could be written, or performance based.

#### **Minor Assignments – 35%**

Student will be quizzed over worksheets and handouts. All quizzes will be announced and could be written, or performance based. Students will have a playing performance quiz every week, one for each key signature.

#### **Practice Assignments – 10%**

Students are given a grade for daily participation in class on an individual basis. Students are expected to have a folder, keep up with all music and handouts & a pencil. Students are expected to work at their piano on the given assignments. Students are expected to demonstrate correct posture, finger positions & equipment knowledge.

#### **Recovery & Late Work**

Students will have one opportunity to recover their grade on each major assignment/assessment if they scored below 75% on the initial attempt. Recovery is not provided for minor or practice assignments.

Students can earn a maximum grade of 75% on the recovered major assignment. Students who earn between 75 – 100 on the recovered assignment will receive a 75%. Students who earn below a 75 on the recovered assignment will receive the grade earned or the original grade, whichever is higher.

If an assignment is turned in past the due date but prior to the end of the unit within which it was assigned, teachers will deduct 15% of the assignment grade. This will be calculated by multiplying the actual grade earned by 0.85. For example, if the student earned a 90% but the assignment was turned in late, the student would receive a 77% ( $90 \times 0.85$ ).

If an assignment is turned in past the due date but after the end of the unit within which it was assigned, teachers will deduct 25% of the assignment grade (actual grade earned x 0.75) and the student will not be eligible for recovery on that assignment.

### **Voluntary Donation**

Even though there are no performances for this class, there are instructional and equipment costs associated with keeping the piano lab up and running. We ask that you provide a \$20 donation to the class for the semester to help with expenses, upkeep, and classroom resources.

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To Acknowledge you have received and understand this handbook and the responsibilities of your child in the chorus program, please complete [this form](#) by August 19, 2022.