



# Music Theory

## Course Syllabus 2021-22

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### Course Description

In this course, students will learn the basics of several aspects of Music Theory. Students will have the opportunity to compose their own music, collaborate with their peers and nurture a solid foundation in music theory visually and aurally.

### Goals for Student Learning

#### Aesthetics

- The students will demonstrate, create and interpret the expressive elements of music through written or oral means and performance.

#### History and Culture

- The students will analyze elements, styles, composers and uses of music in various cultures and historical periods.

#### Performance

- The students will develop a functional knowledge of the elements of music; analyze the elements of music in composition; utilize his or her knowledge of music to create music products; and develop a functional knowledge of the keyboard.

#### Critique

- The students will describe and critique musical performance, creations and products.

### Textbook and Materials

- Binder:
  - Students will keep a binder of all notes, assignments and exams. Each will be numbered and there will be periodic checks of the notebook.
  - Students are expected to keep their notebook organized and up to date.
- Students are expected to bring **manuscript paper**, a **pencil**, and any other necessary materials (assignments, books, etc.) to each class.
- Manuscript paper books are available at local music stores or online.
- Students will be using an online notation software later in the year. This is a free software called Google “Flat”. Students will also be provided the use of “Sibelius” on school computers.

### Virtual Class Details

- Students should be present mentally and physically in class.
- Materials will be posted on itsLearning under the Resources tab.
- Students are responsible for submitting work on time. Emailed work will not be accepted.
- Students will be expected to complete daily assignments within the limits of class time. This class is combined with Beginning Piano, so students will be given ample time to complete work independently.

**Course Outline**

Topics covered in Music Theory:

- Definition of Music
- Basic Rhythm & Meter/Time Signatures
- Pitch
- Notes on the Clef
- Circle of Fifths/Key Signatures
- Intervals
- Medieval Music
- Scale degree names/functions
- Scales and Modes
- Solfege
- Aural Identification of Intervals
- Melodic & Rhythmic Dictation
- Renaissance Music
- Roman Numerals
- Diatonic Triads
- Chord Functions
- 7<sup>th</sup> Chords
- Harmonic Analysis
- Baroque Music
- Classical Music
- Non-Chord Tones
- Cadences
- Modulation
- Romantic Era
- Secondary Dominants

**Classroom Rules and Procedures**

- Be respectful and kind to everyone at all times.
- Students are expected to be on time to class.
- Students are expected to practice clear communication

**HCPS Grading Policy**

<b>Examples of Product, Process, and Practice</b>		
<b>PRODUCT (50%)</b> <i>Culminating Demonstration of Knowledge</i>	<b>PROCESS (30%)</b> <i>Addressing Specific Short-Term Learning Outcomes</i>	<b>PRACTICE (20%)</b> <i>Building Attitudes, Habits, and Skills</i>
Does it measure how well students achieved specific learning goals, standards, and/or competencies?	Does it provide feedback to students regarding growth towards the attainment of specific learning goals, standards and competencies?	Does it allow students to practice skills and/or reinforce content learning?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Primarily completed in presence of teacher</li> <li>• Rubric aligned to standards</li> <li>• Accuracy graded</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Primarily completed in presence of teacher</li> <li>• Rubric aligned to standards</li> <li>• Accuracy graded</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Graded for completion and participation</li> </ul>

\*\*Extra credit will not be given for non-academic purposes\*\*

**Attendance**

Students are expected to attend every class period. Missed class time will impact the overall quality of learning and be detrimental to the student’s final product. Students are responsible for inquiring about, completing, and returning all work or material missed during class. It is not the teacher’s responsibility to remind the student of missed work.

**Absent Work Policy**

All assignments should be submitted on time. Students will be given the number of class periods equal to the number of class periods absent to turn in completed make up assignments. If a student is lawfully absent, work will be accepted without penalty. If a student is unlawfully absent, work will be accepted with a penalty of one letter grade off the assessed value.

### **Late Work Policy**

All assignments should be submitted on time. If a student submits an assignment late (past the due date) within the timeframe noted, the assignment will be accepted and will receive a letter grade penalty off the assessed value. Late work will only be accepted one class period after the due date.

### **Academic Integrity**

Academic integrity is taking responsibility for the quality and completion of one's own work. Academic dishonesty is taking someone else's work and claiming it as one's own. Students at Bel Air High School are responsible for knowing what is considered to be Academic Dishonesty and the subsequent consequences. More information can be found in the BAHS Student Planner.

### **In-Person Cell Phone Policy**

- Students will place their cellphones in a teacher designated area as they enter each classroom. Teachers will review with students the specific location for each room. The phones will remain in the teacher designated area unless teachers explicitly tell students to take out the phones for instructional use.
- Cellphones will remain in the teacher designated area during bathroom visits, assemblies and trips to the nurse/counseling office/main office.
- Cellphones will be retrieved from the teacher designated area at the end of class at the direction of the teacher.
- School-appropriate cellphone use is permitted during class changes and lunch. Students are not permitted to make phone calls during school hours.
- If the cell phone policy is violated, it is a referable offense.