

Piano Lab Course Syllabus

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Credit: .5 Fine Arts

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Course Description:

Piano Lab provides an introduction to playing and reading music on the piano with an emphasis on practice and rehearsal skills through which students can eventually learn to play on their own. This class is for beginners only. Individual keyboard stations allow students to move at a pace that is appropriate for their learning needs.

Materials Needed:

Each student shall have a 3-ring binder in class at all times. If the student cannot get a binder, one will be provided. All materials handed out in class must be kept in sequential order in the binder. This will be collected at the end of each quarter for grading. Each binder shall include a pencil, which will be used for completion of all written activities.

Grading:

20% Written and Daily Work

Each student will be assigned to a station in the KHS MIDI Lab. An account will be created by the student to track progress. The progress report can be printed at any time and will be used to grade the students' daily grade. This grade will also include any homework and in-class written work and a daily participation grade.

80% Quizzes

Written and performance quizzes will be given periodically to ensure that knowledge is retained before going on to a new topic.

Extra Help:

I encourage each of you to seek me out if you ever have trouble with what we are doing in class or to make up work. My prep is Period 3. I also have a study hall the Cafeteria Period 7. I arrive at school around 7:25 every morning and am always here after school until at least 3:00. Please feel free to stop by anytime you need help. I can also be reached by email at matthewm@gorhamschools.org with any questions.