

Beginning Guitar

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Description: Students will be instructed in learning all aspects of producing sound on the acoustic guitar along with music reading, music theory, and selected historical, cultural and technical contributions.

Required Materials:

- Acoustic guitar with steel strings and case/gig bag are preferred. Some students use classical nylon-stringed guitars, but *only use if that's your only option*. Students must provide their own guitar. NO ELECTRIC GUITARS, UKELELES, BASS GUITARS, or AMPLIFIERS.
- Your own copy of the Hal Leonard *Guitar Method Book 1 (Second Edition)* with CD
- 2-3 plastic guitar picks. Nylon strings required thinner picks, and steel strings require thicker picks.
- 3 ring binder with notebook paper (provided by student) and blank staff paper (provided by Mr. McEnry).
- A pencil with eraser (no pens).
- School-issued iPad
- Ear buds/headphones for your iPad

Some notes on materials:

- Students must have all equipment obtained by Tuesday, **September 6**.
- All materials, including guitars, can be purchased at a local music store. Please tell the sales associate you are from Hockinson High School and they will provide you with the appropriate materials.
- PLEASE DO NOT purchase guitars from non-music stores such as Wal-Mart, Target, Costco, Fred Meyer, etc. as these guitars are toys and not musical instruments.
- This class has no class fee associated with it (other than obtaining the necessary equipment).
- Please see the office if your family needs to apply for financial assistance to obtain these materials

The local music stores have provided me with the following information on what they have to offer. Please visit one of these two stores to obtain your equipment.

Music World (2 locations)

502 E. Main Street in Battle Ground (360-687-1768) OR 7916 NE 6th Avenue in Hazel Dell (360-573-5575)
www.musicworldstores.com

- Purchase a guitar: Jasmine S35 dreadnought acoustic guitar with gig bag and Hal Leonard *Guitar Method Book 1 (Second Edition)* with CD: \$110
- Rent a guitar: \$18.95/month plus \$7.95 for Hal Leonard *Guitar Method Book 1 (Second Edition)* with CD
- Purchase book only: Hal Leonard *Guitar Method Book 1 (Second Edition)* with CD: \$9.95

Beacock Music

1420 SE 163rd Ave. in Vancouver
www.beacockmusic.com

- Purchase a guitar: \$119.99 for Fender FA-100 acoustic guitar with gig bag plus \$10.99 for Hal Leonard *Guitar Method Book 1 (Second Edition)* with CD
- Rent a guitar: \$15.99-\$29.99/month depending on instrument rented (Economy, Good, Premium, and New instruments available) plus \$10.99 for Hal Leonard *Guitar Method Book 1 (Second Edition)* with CD
- Purchase book only: Hal Leonard *Guitar Method Book 1 (Second Edition)* with CD: \$10.99

Standards Assessed:

Performs a varied repertoire alone and with others.

- Perform Grade 1 literature with correct pitches, rhythms, and steady beat.
- Perform all first position notes on all strings.
- Play with characteristic/ideal instrument tone and technique.
- Perform chords typically found in Grade 1 literature.

Shows knowledge of accompaniment styles.

- Demonstrate understanding of strumming and/or fingerpicking styles appropriate to multiple musical styles.

Reads and notates music.

- Utilize music symbols, vocabulary, and notation consistent in Grade 1-2 music.

Identifies chord types.

- Identify all chord names
- Identify and analyze chord progressions in keys found in Grade 1 literature.

Understands and applies elements of analysis and evaluation.

- Evaluate self and others using appropriate music vocabulary
- Use goal setting and self-reflection to improve individual skill.

Activities/Means of Assessment:

- Playing songs, chords, scales and exercises on an acoustic guitar
- Rhythmic, melodic and harmonic dictation and music games
- In class assignments, theory quizzes and performance tests
- Guided listening, research, recording and class discussion

Note: Retaking or making up an assessment can only be done up to one week after the proposed due-date except in cases of exceptional circumstances. Assessments may be done live or via audio/video recordings.

Teacher expectations: The following is expected from every student:

- Respect yourself, others, the teachers, instruments and all equipment.
- Follow directions quickly and quietly.
- Actively and positively participate in class.
- Allow other students to learn at their own pace.
- Always bring your music book, 3 ring binder, and a pencil to class.
- Stay in your seat unless given permission to leave.
- Raise your hand if you have a comment, question or need help.

Music Room Rules:

- Cell phones must be turned off and out of sight. iPads will be used regularly, but only with Mr. McEnry's permission.
- No electronics (MP3 players, hand held games, etc) without permission.
- No food or drink of any kind in the music room or MPR. Water (with a lid) can be brought in but cannot be at your seat with your instrument, as water and acoustic guitars can be a deadly combination.
- Playing instruments that don't belong to you or handling school equipment without permission of Mr. McEnry or the owner of the item is absolutely not allowed under any circumstance.
- Store your instrument in the designated area only. Do not leave any other items in the music room before or after class.

Expectation Acknowledgement

After having familiarized yourself with the syllabus, please sign, date, and return this form.

- ❖ We understand what supplies and equipment will be required for Beginning Guitar and will obtain them by September 6.
- ❖ We have read and understood the grading policy for Beginning Guitar at Hockinson High School.
- ❖ We understand the behavior expectations for music students at Hockinson High School.

I have read the Beginning Guitar syllabus and understand what Mr. McEnry expects from me this year. I will do my best to meet or exceed these expectations and encourage others to do the same.

Student Name _____ Parent/Guardian Name(s) _____

Student Email _____ Parent Email _____

Home Phone _____ Parent Cell _____ Student

Cell _____

X _____ X _____ Date _____
(Parent/Guardian Signature) (Student Signature)

Please return this form by September 6.