

Syllabus for High School Guitar Class Level 1

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*Note: the student can use either an electric or an acoustic guitar for this class

Course description and objectives:

- Stringing the guitar and care of the guitar will be taught.
- The student will learn how to hold the guitar properly.
- The student will learn how to play chords and single notes on the guitar using a pick and/or fingers.
- There will be instruction on how to strum rhythms and finger pick in time.
- The student will learn to be able to accompany singing with the guitar using a chord progression.
- The student will also develop beginning skills in sight-reading single notes and chord symbols.
- Basic music theory will also be taught – the staff, notes, sharps, flats, naturals, accidentals, intervals, scales, keys.
- There will be some exposure to at least 1 alternate tuning.
- How to produce harmonic tones on the string will be taught.
- In class there will be demonstrations given by the teacher and chosen videos for instruction and inspiration.

Textbook and materials

Text book: Hal Leonard Method guitar book 1

Practice log (to be filled out by the student)

Hand out sheets and diagrams will be given out throughout the course.

Assignments

Practice 150 minutes per week (this number includes class time).

New assignments from the text book will be given every 1 or 2 weeks.

New hand out page assignments will be given every 1 or 2 weeks.

Students will perform assignments in front of one another in class.

Calendar: This class will follow the High School classes for credit schedule on Mondays from September 11 to December 11, 2023.