



# Intro to Guitar Syllabus 2024-2025



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## Welcome

Welcome to Introduction to Guitar! This class will teach you a variety of skills and will be the spring board to your guitar exploration for the rest of your life. We will approach guitar learning by ear, tabs, and written music.

## Intro to Guitar

Intro to Guitar is what its name suggests, in introduction class to guitar. In this class you will learn guitar by ear, tabs, and written music. We will be covering many genres from blues to alternative rock. Students will play guitar every day, in addition you will learn how to tune your guitar, how to read music, get started with basic equipment, read chords, engage in an introduction to music theory, and play folk and modern music both as a melody and an accompaniment.

**Full Disclosure:** If you have prior guitar knowledge from taking lessons or something like that, you are welcome to take the class – but ultimately the pace may be slower than you may want.

## Grading

**25% Weekly Participation Grade:** We will be playing guitar daily. At the end of the week all students will be graded on their daily participation that week.

**35% Weekly Playing Assessments:** *Almost* every week we will have a weekly playing assessment.

**25% Worksheets and In Class Discussions:** Occasionally you will get works sheets to improve certain skills in music theory and chord identification

**15% Final Exam:** The Final Exam will be the greatest hits from the semester. All tested material will be given ahead of time so you know what to practice

## Classroom Expectations

- Attendance will be taken at the bell
- NO food, drink, or gum -- bottled water is fine.
  - No food or drink in the pod.
- Breaks - Only one person is to leave the room at a time.
- Cell Phones - 1 warning, 2nd time; email home, put phone on my desk for the rest of the hour, minor write-up, 3rd time; put phone on my desk, office referral. 4th time -- Office referral with larger consequence
- Sometimes you come to school with drinks. Absolutely no drinks are allowed in the carpeted area.
- Please reset the room when you are done, this room is shared between 6 groups and everyone deserves a properly set-up room.

## Required Classroom Materials:

- A Folder
- A Pencil
- A Chromebook to tune

## **Acknowledgement – Intro to Guitar**

I have read the syllabus and classroom procedures including all behavioral expectations and the attendance policy.

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_