

Rolesville High School Beginning Guitar Class

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Course Description

Students will learn the basics of playing guitar through the study of music notation, chord symbols, and group interaction. Students will gain an enhanced appreciation for music and understand a variety of musical genres. Participation in after-school rehearsals and performances is expected.

Required Materials (Must be in class by September 4th)

- Acoustic guitar in working condition
- Text: **Hal Leonard Guitar Method Complete Edition (ISBN-10: 0881881392)**
- One “easy guitar” songbook of your choice
- Foot rest or guitar strap (or both)
- Guitar picks
- Extra set of strings
- Pencil

Please communicate with me if you need assistance in purchasing any of these materials. I would HIGHLY suggest purchasing an acoustic guitar through a reputable music vendor. If you have any questions, please let me know.

BYOD (Bring Your Own Device)

We will abide by the school’s BYOD rules and procedures in my class as follows:
BYOD means students bring their own devices to school for educational purposes. In the classroom, students will use devices responsibly, and only with the permission and direction of the teacher or other staff member. The increased use of technology in RHS classrooms will “power up” student success today, and for the future. Just like tardy table, violations accumulate by each individual class over the course of each quarter. Violations restart each quarter.

First violation: Verbal warning.

Second violation: Final verbal warning.

Third violation: Student will be verbally directed to select one of two options:

A: Student will shut down the device and place it in a secure location in the classroom as designated by instructor.

B: Student will shut down the device and place it in their own personal belongings for the remainder of the class.

Fourth and subsequent violations: Student will be escorted to ISS for the remainder of the period. Device is confiscated by administrator. Loss of BYOD privilege may be revoked by administrator.

Grading

Performances 40%

Public performance is one of the most effective means of performing arts education assessment. **Because chorus, band, orchestra, guitar, theatre and dance are considered academic classes, grades are assigned for participation in all scheduled performances. Unexcused absences from any of these events will result in a failing performance grade.** Regularly scheduled performances are graded events, counting 40% of the student's quarter grade assessed on the following criteria:

- Proper preparation: Correct outfit, on-time, present for warm ups with group
- Playing with appropriate energy/attitude
- Focus and teamwork ethic (especially before concert and between songs)
- Off-stage etiquette
- Performance Assessment and Reflection

All reasons for absences will be considered excused or unexcused at the discretion of the director. **Effort must be made to notify the director by 30 days BEFORE the concert date concert if a student must miss a required performance opportunity.** Acceptable forms of notification will be parental/ guardian phone call or written note.

If a student is **absent from school** (due to illness) on the day of a concert, he/she is encouraged (if feeling better) to attend the concert as an audience member and write a critique of the performance due the next day that the student is in school. A signed note from a parent, stating that his/her child was sick is necessary to allow the grade substitution. **Otherwise, students who miss concerts due to illness must bring in a signed note from a parent (stating illness) and complete a report to make up the considerable grade.**

*****According to WCPSS Board Policy, students in OSS, ISS or are not in school a FULL day on the day of a concert (or other performance) are prohibited from participating in that performance. Such students will have to make the grade up through an individually assigned activity (usually a large research paper) or take a zero.*****

Skills and Artistic Work Habits 30%

Students will learn and demonstrate appropriate rehearsal etiquette. This includes being on time, having necessary music, having a pencil on your stand, having nails the appropriate length to play your instrument successfully, playing/speaking at appropriate times, and having your part learned in the requested time frame. Students will receive 20 points per day for demonstrating these skills. Students who are absent for class must make-up the missed rehearsal by recording themselves playing an hour of practice time and turn in to Ms. Zimmerman following the make-up work policies.

Tests/Projects 15%

Students will complete a cumulative final exam.

Quizzes 10%

Students will periodically be given written or playing quizzes.

Classwork/Homework 5%

Effective and consistent practice is essential for the success of all musicians. Students are expected to practice a minimum of 120 minutes per week. Students will complete a weekly practice journal to be turned in through canvas every Friday.

Grading Policies

Late Policy

The Performing Arts Department will comply with the RHS Policy for Late Work as stated in the Handbook. The Performing Arts Department will accept late work at a penalty of 5 percent off the grade earned for each school day the assignment is late. All assignments must be turned in by the quarter dates determined by Rolesville High School which are listed in the Handbook.

Retest Policy

Written tests may be made up by quarter dates listed by Rolesville High School.

Make Up Work (in accordance with the RHS Handbook)

- For absences of one to three days, the student will have one day for each day absent to complete makeup work.
- For absences exceeding three days, the student will have two days for each day absent to complete makeup work.
- Absences due to approved school trips are excused. It is the STUDENT'S responsibility to secure such assignments BEFORE a known field trip and in accordance with the handbook, all work will be due upon the student's return to school during the class period in which the work was assigned.
- Missed assignments will not be excused, unless they involve tasks that could only be completed on the particular day an activity was assigned. In such a case, the student will be omitted from that individual assignment (unless an alternate assignment is assigned to take the place of the missing grade).

Final Examinations

As per Wake County school legislation, a comprehensive semester final exam (or a dedicated exam at the end of each quarter) will be given comprising 20% of the student's overall grade. **Thus, the items above comprise 80% (40% each quarter) with the exam weighing 20%.** Students should WISELY PLAN for these examinations THROUGHOUT the semester.

Concerts

Students in this class will be expected to participate in a performance at the end of the semester. **The concert date for this class is December 18th at 6:30pm in the RHS Auditorium.** Please put that date on your calendar and let me know immediately if there is a conflict.

Concert Dress

Concert Dress is all black. Gentlemen wear a solid black dress shirt, solid black dress pants, solid black dress shoes, and solid black dress socks. They may choose to wear a solid black tie. Ladies will wear a solid black formal dress longer than the knee, or a solid black dress shirt and solid black dress pants/skirt below the knee. They must also wear solid black dress shoes.

Return this page by Friday, August 31st

We have read and understood the Rolesville HS Guitar syllabus and are willing to follow the rules and procedures stated in it.

Parent/Guardian Printed Name _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

Parent Email _____ (Please write very clearly)

Parent preferred phone # _____

Student Name _____ Date _____

Student Signature _____ Date _____

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