



Deer Valley Unified School District

Mr. Abel Dragomir
Piano/Advanced Piano
2021-2022 School Year

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Course Description:

This course will provide students with a challenging introduction to piano and an opportunity to continue their musical development in future years. It is designed to advance students' musicianship, musical knowledge, and performance skills through classroom instruction, solo rehearsals, group rehearsals, and performance opportunities. This course is aligned with Arizona College and Career Ready Standards and/or national content standards and supports school-wide efforts to increase student achievement.

Course Objectives:

By the time the student completes this course of study; the student will know or be able to:

- Demonstrate appropriate posture during piano playing.
- Demonstrate understanding of proper technique.
- Use appropriate playing styles for different genres of piano music.
- Demonstrate musical independence through playing and advancing at a moderate self-pace.
- Respond appropriately to musical directions.
- Use expressive phrasing and dynamics to help convey the meaning of the song.
- Demonstrate the ability to accompany another musician or group of musician.
- Interpret correctly pitches, rhythms, and other notational symbols.
- Evaluate the quality of musical performances using appropriate musical terms.
- Demonstrate a basic understanding of music theory and ear training through repertoire performance.

In Person Classroom Rules, Procedures, and Consequences:

Procedures:

You are expected to...

- Be seated in assigned seat with materials when the bell rings while teacher takes role.
- Have all materials ready every day in class (pencil, and music).
- Participate in all class activities.
- Stay in your seat during the class period.
- Have a positive attitude.

Rules:

Please refrain from...

1. Chewing gum.
2. Using cell phones.
3. Eating and drinking (water is ok and encouraged).
4. Talking without raising hand.
5. Playing Piano, keyboards, or other equipment without asking.
6. Leaving your seat without asking.
7. Leaving the room without asking.
8. Working on other work during class.

Consequences:

Failure to follow these expectations will result in the following actions:

- Verbal reminder
- Change of seat location
- Call home to parent
- Removal from class
- Referral to office

Please refer to Student Handbook for consequences regarding inappropriate behavior.

Grading:

The course is based on accumulated points each 18 week period. Classwork is 100% of the total grade. No extra grade is given.

Grading scale: A=90-100 %, B=80-89%, C=70-79%, D=60-69%, F=0-59%.

Due Dates:

Mountain Ridge students have within the current unit of study to turn in assigned work for full credit. However, students will have a minimum of a week to turn in assignments from the assigned due date even if the unit is completed. The unit of study is established by the teacher and the Department on campus.

Absences/Make up Policy:

After an absence, a student has one school day for each day missed to make up work/tests, regardless of the number of days absent. If many days were missed, please schedule an appointment with me to formulate a plan for the completion of make-up work. Make-up work for extended absences (over 3 days) may be requested through the Counseling Office and picked up there.

Report Cards:

In an effort to conserve resources and harness the capacity of our electronic grade reporting program (PowerSchool) district schools will no longer print hard copies of report cards unless requested by individual parents. To request a hard copy of your student's report card, please contact the front office at 623-376-3000. To receive your PowerSchool login, please stop into the office with a valid photo ID.

Power School Online Access:

Grades and attendance may be accessed 24 hours a day online with your Power School access code. Access codes are available in the Counseling Office or Front Desk Monday – Friday 7:00 AM– 3:30 PM. You may check student progress regularly on the PowerSchool site using the same login for one or more students. For Mountain Ridge parents/guardians without home computer access, a computer with guest log-in capability is available in the Counseling Conference Room.

Academic Assistance/Office Assistance:

Additional assistance/tutoring is provided both by MRHS and individually by instructors. Students may contact me at any time to arrange for help, I am flexible and will do everything in my power to accommodate the student's needs.

Textbook:

The textbook for this class is Alfred's Basic Adult Piano Course Level 1/Level 2/Level 3 by Palmer, Manus, and Lethco.

Daily Device Use (iPads):

Students should come to school with their iPads charged and ready to use in each class every day. Devices may not be used to record or take photos of other people without their consent. Consequences for classroom disruptions and misuse of devices will follow a progressive discipline model, beginning with a phone call home and progressing to office referrals for repeated or more serious offenses. See the Student Rights and Responsibilities consequence chart in the handbook for more specific descriptions of infractions and consequences.

I look forward to a very exciting and rewarding musical school year. If you have any questions at any time, please do not hesitate to contact me either through Canvas, by phone or email. Thank you.

Sincerely,
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Student Name: _____ Period: _____

*****Please turn in by Tuesday, August 10, 2021 with student and parent signature*****

By signing below I _____ (student name), understand that I, and my parents, have read, understand, and accept the course syllabus for Piano/Advanced Piano. In addition, I understand that all school and district policies also apply to this course.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____