

Buchanan High School Music Department

Beginning Piano- Keyboard

Course Goals

In this class you will:

1. Learn the basic skills required to play a piano/keyboard (This will require PRACTICE!)
2. **Learn the knowledge and skills needed to read music** (A lot of this happens AWAY from the keyboard.....You have been warned!)
3. Begin to develop the ability to play music by ear
4. Develop the confidence and skill level to perform individually and in groups. (YES, you will play by yourself IN FRONT OF THE WHOLE CLASS)
5. Learn life skills such as discipline, responsibility, time management, and teamwork.

Materials

1. Pencils (preferably mechanical pencil): All music writing assignments MUST be done in pencil.
2. Binder (With pockets) and lined paper.

Grading

1. Each student will work at his/her own pace on piano performance pieces. **You will then play these for the instructor and do as many as you can each week.**
 - **Note: This is the BIGGEST part of your grade and the most difficult part of the class. Do NOT neglect this part of the class.**
2. Students will complete in-class written assignments
3. Students will work together and complete a number of group projects
4. Students will participate in individual and group recitals

Grading Percentage

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| 1. Weekly assignments, group projects, recitals | 30% |
| 2. Daily practice/Time Management | 20% |
| 3. Demonstration/Performance Piano Pieces | 50% |

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Classroom Rules

1. Be on time to class. You must be in your assigned seat with all materials when the bell rings.
2. Food or drinks are NOT allowed in the room (Bottled water is alright)
3. Handle all equipment with great care and respect. *You break, you buy!*
4. Do nothing that distracts from learning.

Piano Lab Rules

Note: The use of the keyboards is a privilege not to be taken lightly. Failure to abide by the following rules will terminate your keyboard use and lower your grade.

1. Work alone. No talking.
2. Use headphones at all times.
3. Do not abuse the keyboards. No banging or glissandos.
4. The keyboard's bells and whistles are off limits to lab students during routine practice time.
5. At the end of class, put away headphones and books, and turn off keyboards.
6. **Work on the assigned music book only during routine practice time.**