

Piano Keyboard Syllabus

Dear Parents and Students,

Welcome to the Doctor's Charter School of Miami Shores Music Program! This syllabus has been written to familiarize you with the many aspects of the piano keyboard class and to ensure an enjoyable and educationally rewarding musical experience. After you have read the syllabus please sign the last page, detach it, and return it to me. Students will be held accountable for the information contained in this syllabus, so please keep this document for further reference.

Music is fun and exciting to learn, but it requires hard work, dedication and discipline. Music classes are a very important part of the curriculum at the Doctor's Charter School. In order to fully benefit from this class, your responsibilities are to be prepared and to be an active participant

The piano keyboard class at Doctor's Charter School has been designed so that students explore different aspects of music. Students will learn about music history, music theory, and music composition in addition to learning how to play the piano. Please read the sections indicating the expectations in regards to rules and regulation and how students will be graded. I hope your membership in the Doctor's Charter School Music Program will be both rewarding and productive. Have a great year!

Sincerely,

Salvatore Vinciguerra
Director of Music

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Rules & Regulations

Please make sure you understand the rules for classroom behavior. Let's work together to make this a great year for all of us!

1. **COME TO CLASS ON TIME.** On time means that you are in your seat and ready to begin class. Once class begins, students should not talk or leave their seats without permission.
2. **COME TO CLASS PREPARED.** This means that you should have your music folder, pencil, and any other required materials everyday. Your grade will be lowered each day for consistent unpreparedness.
3. **BE ATTENTIVE.** This means for you to listen to all instructions.
4. **ABSOLUTELY NO EATING, DRINKING, GUM CHEWING, GROOMING, OR WEARING OF HATS WILL BE PERMITTED DURING CLASS.**
5. **DO NOT** handle or use any instrument that is not assigned to you.
6. **DO NOT** play out of turn.
7. **ABSOLUTELY NO STUDYING FOR ANOTHER SUBJECT DURING CLASS.**
8. At the closure of class the rehearsal room should be kept clean and orderly.
THE BELL DOES NOT DISMISS YOU! Your teacher dismisses you, so stay in your seat until you are dismissed.

Consequences

Include the following: Verbal warnings, classroom consequences (writing sentences, cleanup detention etc.) parent notification by email or phone call, office referral, and transfer out of the music program. Mr. Vinciguerra will remove students from the classroom if they disrupt the musical learning environment. If students would like to speak with Mr. Vinciguerra regarding disciplinary referrals they must speak to him before or after school.

Grading Policy

Members of the Doctor's Charter School Music Program will be assigned grades as per the Doctor's Charter School grading policy. Students will receive at least two grades per week. The first grade will be based on an assessment of general assignments. It could be derived from either written material or performance of musical material. The second grade will be based on the student's participation at rehearsals in class, and performances in and out of school.

I am aware of students who have less experience than other music members. It is an easy task to recognize a student who has prepared himself/herself from those who have not. Students with less experience do have the opportunity to make high grades if proper evidence of practice and preparation is evident. This assessment is designed to encourage students to set musical goals and reach them.

ACADEMIC GRADE

COURSE REQUIREMENTS*	POINTS
Participation	25%
Class Assignments	25%
Written & Playing tests and quizzes	25%
Practice Chart	25%
TOTAL POINTS	100%

*See next page for details.

GRADING SCALE

TOTAL POINTS	FINAL GRADE
90 – 100	A
80 – 89	B
70 – 79	C
60 – 69	D
0 – 59	F

Course Requirements

1. **CLASS PARTICIPATION** – The student should have all the necessary supplies to successfully participate in class activities. Students will be required to work on their own class and keep track of the progress that they make during the course. Points will be deducted from the students overall grade if he/she refuses to participate.
2. **TESTS AND QUIZZES** – Tests and quizzes will be designated. Questions dealing with terminology, musical symbols, and rhythms will be given. Students will have adequate time to prepare. Materials for playing tests are given in advance. Students will perform their playing test individually before the class.
3. **FOLDERS** – Each student will create a folder containing selected personal works. Included in the folder may be the following: written essays, self/peer evaluations, syllabus, quizzes, tests, handouts and other learning materials.
4. **MUSIC COMPOSITION/RESEARCH PROJECT** – Students may be required to turn in project each quarter. Guidelines and subjects will be distributed in the first few weeks of each quarter.

*** **MAKE-UP WORK** – Students will not be allowed to make-up work (participation, class work, Quizzes etc.) if their absence or tardy was determined by the school as unsatisfactory. All assignments must be made-up within seven school days. If work is not made-up within this time frame the student will receive a 0 for that grade.

Supplies For Class

1. Text Book – Alfred's Basic Adult Piano Course Book 1, 2, 3 – This can be purchased from Mr. Vinciguerra for \$10.00 per book or you can purchase them from a music store.
2. Set of small earphones.
3. Folder to keep notes
4. Staff paper
5. A pencil