

MUSIC COMPOSITION (M/J Vocal Tech 1)
2023-2024

INSTRUCTOR: **MR. SHAWN PENDRY**

(one year)

CONFERENCE PERIOD: (by appointment when available)

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

The purpose of this course is to provide the advanced music student with an opportunity to develop knowledge in music theory and skills in basic composition and musical notation. This course is designed to augment the instruction in their individual musical arts area. Students will learn fundamental chord progressions, rules of part writing, elements of form and instrumentation.

PREREQUISITES FOR THIS COURSE:

Satisfactory completion of previously assigned music theory curriculum
Participation in at least one vocal department chorus.

MATERIALS REQUIRED:

One binder for regular paper and staff paper, *two* sharpened pencils at seat **daily**. Students will need a continual supply of staff paper. This may be purchased from a local music supply store. Students are *strongly* encouraged to download the free *MUSESCORE* program on their home computer to do work on their own. They will also have access to the music notation program “Note Flight” in our online classroom to use for all class assignments until exiting the 8th grade.

STUDENT EVALUATION:

Students will be evaluated using the point system on:

1. Quizzes covering the elements and language of music notation
2. Neat, accurate and sequential completion of compositions
3. Completion and accuracy of homework and class work assignments
4. Listening activities/Ear Training and class projects

The Duval County grading scale will be used; most tests will be project driven. This is a composition class, so completed compositions are a must for a passing grade.

For questions or conferences, please email me at pendrys1@duvalschools.org