

Brandywine Heights Area School District
200 West Weis Street, Tipton, PA

Course Syllabus for Seventh Grade Music Appreciation/Guitar

Overview:

Seventh Grade Music Appreciation is a 45-day semester course in which the students will learn to play the acoustic guitar at a beginning level.

Textbooks(s) and Other Resources used:

Resources include teacher-generated materials consisting of a wide variety of songs containing lyrics and guitar chords, as well as instructions on reading tablature.

Outline of Content:

Semester Course Topics:

- Identify the parts of a guitar
- Identify different types of guitars
- Proper maintenance of the guitar
- Recognize a basic chordal structure
- Recognize and perform various simple and compound meters
- Perform basic rhythmic patterns
- Demonstrate basic singing skills
- Play and sing songs on the guitar in small and large group settings
- Reading guitar tablature (time permitting)

The students read from a packet containing various songs in different styles. The students will learn to play the chords necessary to perform the songs. As a final project, the students will perform a song of their choosing for the class, either alone or with one or more partners. There are ten benchmarks each student must complete throughout the semester.

1st Semester:

Test Schedule: Benchmarks one through five and written quiz on guitar parts.

2nd Semester:

Test Schedule: Benchmarks six through ten and final song project.