

PIANO I LAB POLICIES and EXPECTATIONS 2015-2016

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Welcome to Montgomery Blair's state-of-the-art Piano Lab! Students at Blair are privileged to have access to this technology, but they also have an obligation not to misuse it. The expectations and policies are discussed in class and we ask that the student and a parent/guardian sign that they understand and accept these policies.

♪ **Course Expectations:** All students will participate fully in daily class practice, listening assignments, journal writing, and assigned computer sessions. They will prepare for 5-6 individual playing exams and participate in the end-of-semester recital. Students should strive to meet the mastery objective of the course: to be able to identify and interpret music notation to competently play music of their own choice on the piano.

♪ **Classroom Policies:**

- No marking of keyboards in any way.
 - Keyboards are NOT to be misused: pounding, swiping, leaning causes damage.
 - No marking/writing in books – student will not be graded if there is writing on assigned music!
 - Headsets must be used at all times. It is the student's responsibility to handle them carefully. Cables should be put on top of the keyboard when leaving the station.
 - There is no initial charge for use of keyboards, headphones, books, and computers. However, for loss or damage students will be held responsible at the following rates:
 - Music book -- \$15.00 (at semester end—no book, no recital, no grade)
 - Headphones -- \$110 for disappearance; \$35 to replace plug, \$20 replacement
 - Piano keyboard ---\$700 maximum fee///computer fee to be determined
- ***No food, drinks, candy or gum** is allowed because of the equipment.
* **Water** is allowed but must be kept on the floor.
*Only **3** bathroom passes are allowed **per quarter**.

♪ **GRADING POLICY:** 50% playing grade/tests; 40% classwork grade; 10% homework
Playing grade is determined by correct notes, rhythms, fingering, musicality, and demonstration of understanding of musical concept needed for the music. Classwork grade includes assigned journals, listening, vocabulary, theory worksheets and projects. Unannounced quizzes are classwork grades. Announced tests are summative assessments. Assignments and grading dates are posted on Edline.

NOTE: This is a "hands-on" class and students need to be in class and participating in order to meet the course objectives.

I have read and understand the piano lab policies and expectations as stated.

Student:(printed name)_____ (signature)_____

Parent/Guardian signature_____ date_____