

# ADVANCED PIANO 2015-2016

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## COURSE DESCRIPTION:

Advanced Piano students will apply previously learned piano and music reading skills to interpret more complex musical scores in a correct and historically accurate style. All students will participate fully in daily class practice, listening assignments, written classwork, theory and history discussions, and assigned computer sessions. They will prepare for 5 individual playing exams, demonstrate knowledge of class-discussed theory, and participate in the end-of-semester recital. All students will keep a daily music journal and practice record in their portfolio which I will provide. In addition, group and individual projects will be assigned. **Students are expected to work on music assigned by me during the class period - it is not a general practice period where they may work on music assigned by outside piano teachers!!!**

**GRADING:** In Advanced Piano class re-teaching/reassessing occurs on a daily basis. In accordance with the MCPS grading policy students may replay assigned music after consultation/re-teaching with the teacher. However assigned daily journals, when assigned, may NOT be redone because the journal is a daily self-reflection of growth. Final projects and recitals also may not be reassessed. Quarter grades will be determined by the following:

- 50% is playing grade (accurate playing and interpretation and demonstration of theory/techniques learned with the music); scales; chords
- 40% is classwork (quizzes, focused practicing, on-time and completed assigned journals)
- 10% is homework

Assignments, grading dates, and other information are posted on Edline in a timely manner.

## CLASSROOM RULES AND EXPECTATIONS:

- **No food, drink or gum in classroom.** This is necessary because of the equipment in the room.
- **Planbooks** are required.
- 3 bathroom passes **per quarter** are allowed
- Headsets must be used at all times. It is the student's responsibility to handle them carefully.
- 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 rates posted in the room.
- **Computers are to be used only as assigned by the teacher. Students may not use them to access e-mail or to do work for other classes.**

## ATTENDANCE

Students are expected to be in class and on time. Make-up playing dates and classwork will be allowed for **excused absences only**. **NOTE:** Because this is a "hands-on" class students **MUST BE IN CLASS** in order to complete their music playing and listening assignments for the best possible grade.

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

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Student name printed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_