

Irvine High School Performing Arts Department

Guitar 1&2, Fall 2016

Tentative syllabus & agreement

Course Goal

To provide a positive music learning experience for each student through the development of guitar skills.

Grading Policy

Instrumental music classes are electives in which students are encouraged to develop their individual musical skills while contributing to the success of the ensemble. There is a wide range of musical abilities among the students of each class. Obviously, it wouldn't be fair to assess student achievement on the basis of ability alone. Therefore, a student's grade will be determined by the quality of his or her participation, as measured by the point system outlined below, in conjunction with grades earned on Performance Exams.

Each student begins each semester with 100 Attendance Points.

Points will be deducted from the Attendance Points as indicated by the following infractions:

- Inappropriate behavior in class.....-2/Detention
- Unprepared for rehearsal.....-2
- Failure to have music/instrument for rehearsal.....-2
- Failure to put away instrument correctly..... -4
- Mistreatment of equipment..... -10/Detention
- Failure to clean-up your area..... -2
- Having gum, food, or drink during class time.....-2
- Unexcused tardy for rehearsals..... -2
- Excused absence.....-1
- Unexcused absence for rehearsal.....-10
- Lack of cooperation with substitute.....-10

Grades

The grading system for this course is weighted as follows:

- **Testing & Proficiencies** **50%**
 - **Final (Written & Playing)** **15%**
 - **Class Conduct** **25%** (*guitar maintenance, being on task, see above*)
 - **Attendance** **10%** (*see above*)
- TOTAL 100%**

Extra credit projects are available at the discretion of the director.

➤ **Yes, I have read the Irvine HS Guitar Grading Policy and understand that my grade for each semester of the 2016-2017 school year will be based on this policy.**

Student Signature: _____

Date: _____

Student Name (printed): _____