

Keyboarding Course Syllabus

Spearfish High School

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Course Description

Welcome to Keyboarding! This is a 10th through 12th grade level course. Students will study keyboarding skills and songs through the Piano Marvel program of learning. This is a piano class designed for individual study with computerized instruction. Students of all playing abilities, including beginners, are welcome in this class. In addition to the computerized instruction, the class will be supplemented by scales, music theory, music history, and piano technique as the instructor sees fit.

Materials

Laptop – If a student does not bring their laptop to class, one must be acquired from the Help Desk, and daily points will be lost.

Headphones – Each student must provide a pair of personal headphones for class. If a student does not bring their headphones, daily points will be lost.

Paper and pencil

Course Requirements

Daily attendance and practice

Evaluations of songs and scales

Music theory quizzes

Final performance at the end of the semester

Student Objectives

Students will advance through the piano proficiency levels.

Students will become familiar with basic music theory.

Class Procedures and Rules

Students will log into the Piano Marvel program and continue work at the level they ended with during the previous class.

We will take one short break during class. Following the break, the instructor will listen to each student daily to assess progress.

If students need to use the restroom during class time, there is a sign-out sheet located on the desk. Phones must be left in the classroom when students sign out.

No food or drink will be allowed in the keyboarding room, with the exception of water.

Please keep phones stored away during class time.

Assessment

Student assessment will be based on song and scale evaluations, theory quizzes, daily practice, and behavior.

Letter grades for the course are determined by the school-wide grading scale outlined below:

96-100 A	76-78 C
92-95 A-	73-75 C-
89-91 B+	69-72 D+
86-88 B	65-68 D
83-85 B-	60-64 D-
79-82 C+	

Daily progress/participation/preparedness – 5 points per day

- Points will be deducted if you do not have required materials, you are tardy, or you are showing a lack of effort or poor behavior.

Song evaluations – 20 points each

Scale evaluations – 10 points each

Worksheets or quizzes – dependent on assignment

Absenses

Students will be expected to complete any missed quizzes or evaluations on the day they return to school unless other arrangements have been made with the instructor.

If a student misses class for any reason, their grade for that day will be entered as “Missing” on Campus. If the student chooses to make up those missed points, they must schedule a time with the instructor to come to the keyboarding room before or after school or during Spartan Time to practice. The student has until the following Friday to make up the points. If the points are not made up by the Friday following the absence, the grade will be entered as a zero on Campus.

*For extended absences, alternate assignments may be considered. Please see (or e-mail) Miss Kaitfors with any questions regarding this policy.

Supplemental Technology & Programs

Planbook – Join Code will be provided in class

Moodle – You will be added to the Keyboarding Moodle Class

