

# NAPERVILLE NORTH HIGH SCHOOL

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## MUSIC THEORY 1 [N66011]

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### DISTRICT MISSION

To educate students to be self-directed learners, collaborative workers, complex thinkers, quality producers, and community contributors.

### DEPARTMENT MISSION

The Fine Arts Department at Naperville North High School is founded on the conviction that academics and the arts are equally important to student development and achievement. North's comprehensive Fine Arts offerings are integrated throughout the academic curriculum and various student activity organizations – motivating students with a variety of learning styles to succeed in high school and pursue higher education. The plethora of Fine Arts opportunities at North maintain our commitment to providing a rigorous arts education for all students while providing quality art for the Naperville Community.

Music offerings are designed to develop in all students: the professional practices of a working musician; the kinesthetic aspects of music making; the skills necessary to be savvy consumers of music; to perform, produce and analyze the language of music; to be self-motivated collaborators in pursuit of group oriented goals; and, lifelong skills that can enhance career and personal potentials.

### COURSE DESCRIPTION(s)

**Music Theory I [N66011]:** Music Theory covers the harmonic elements commonly used by composers and how these materials are used. Knowledge of the piano keyboard is helpful and the ability to read in either treble or bass clef basic notation is a prerequisite. Areas of study in Music Theory 1 include notation, counting, meters, intervals, choral structure and keyboard harmony, transposition, and fundamental instrumental arranging and scoring. Students will write four-part arrangements and learn to score these original compositions for various ensembles. The technology components of Finale will be used to augment the class experience. Rhythmic and harmonic ear training will also be practiced, and sight singing will foster students' growth in aural training.

### COURSE TEXTBOOKS & RESOURCES

Students are expected to have a musical staff notebook, a folder in which to keep handouts, a flash drive for storage of computer compositions, and a district-issued Chromebook to every class. It is expected that the device is fully charged and ready for use. Chromebooks are to remain closed and out of the work area. They should be utilized only with instructor direction or approval.

### UNITS OF STUDY

[Music Theory 1: UNITS OF STUDY](#)

### COURSE CALENDAR

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## GRADE CALCULATION DEFINITIONS

## GRADING PRACTICES

## GRADING DISBURSEMENT & WEIGHT

## ACADEMIC INTEGRITY CODE

Students will be provided with multiple and varied opportunities to demonstrate mastery of learning standards. Although varied in content, all courses will include examples of practice and evidence of learning:

- **Evidence of Learning:** Tasks or assessments where feedback is provided to the student and considered evidence of a student's level of proficiency on a given standard or skill. This may include, but is not limited to formative tasks that provide insights on areas for growth as well as summative tests, projects and/or performances. In this course, specific examples include tests, quizzes, and compositions.
- **Practice:** Tasks that are connected to course standards and learning targets that promote the development of skills and/or knowledge that will be assessed, but where feedback is not provided. This may include, but is not limited to daily readings, note taking, practice exercises and tasks essential to the learning process. In this course, specific examples include homework.

Grades communicate each student's progress toward mastery of goals/standards for the course.

- **Infinite Campus Symbols/Comments:**
  - A score of "Missing" (M) will indicate an assessment has not been turned in and the comments section will include a specific date by which students can still submit. After that date, a zero (0) will be recorded.
  - Any score may also have a comment indicating the due date, turned in, late, reassessment eligibility including the timeline and/or reassessment final scores.
  - A zero indicates that no attempt was made by the student. If a legitimate attempt is made on an assessment and practice work has been completed in a consistent and timely manner (*completing 80% of practice listed in Infinite Campus.*), a score of 50% will be the lowest possible grade.
- **Late Work:**
  - Evidence of Learning work submitted after the original due date cannot be penalized more than a total of 10% and can be submitted for credit up to 5 days after the original due date.
  - Practice Work is not accepted for credit after the due date.
- **Other:**
  - No extra credit will be issued.

Semester grades for all classes (prior to the final exam) will be calculated by a weighted average. As part of the calculation for the overall semester grade, final exams/projects will not exceed 15% of the semester grade.

A = 100-90%, B = 89-80%, C = 79-70%, D = 69-60%, F = 59-0%

Semester Grade:

- Coursework = 85%
  - 90% Evidence of Learning
  - 10% Practice
- Final Exam = 15%

District 203 students are challenged to address the academic process enthusiastically, diligently, and most importantly, honestly. It is the responsibility of

our students, teachers, and administration to uphold the fundamental academic values of honesty, responsibility, fairness, respect, and trust. The integrity of our district's academic programs is built upon these principles.

Academic integrity violations include cheating; plagiarism, self-plagiarism or copy infringement; obtaining or providing an unfair advantage; falsification of documents; unauthorized access to records; and inappropriate collaboration, whether intentional or unintentional. The classroom teacher and administration will collaborate and exercise professional judgment in determining academic integrity violations.

**The purpose of reassessment is to allow students to demonstrate mastery of course standards in which they remain deficient. Higher reassessment grades will replace the original assessment score, but will not exceed 85%.**

- Practice work is not eligible for reassessment.
- Evidence of Learning work with a score below 80% is eligible for reassessment if students have:
  - Demonstrated readiness through timely and consistent completion of practice work. This means completing 80% of practice listed in Infinite Campus.
  - Completed designated learning experiences as assigned by the teacher. In this course, specific examples include extra instruction or exercises on the reassessed area.
- Timeline: Reassessments must be completed 5 school days after the student receives feedback (unless otherwise determined by the instructor).
- Project-Based Assessments that include multiple opportunities for feedback and improvement in the assessment process will represent multiple attempts and be considered a reassessment.

- You are encouraged to communicate with their teacher regarding questions.
- Teachers make every effort to respond to emails and phone calls within 24 hours during the workweek.
- The best way to communicate with teachers is through email; however, if you haven't received a response within 48 hours, please resend the email or call their voicemail. Your email may have been filtered.

- You can make an appointment with your teacher should you need additional instruction or support in learning material. Teachers are available before school each day.
- You can attend After School Tutoring in the Learning Commons Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 3:15-4:15 to receive extra support or to work on assignments.
- You can drop in to work with a peer tutor during lunch periods or before school in the Literacy Center.

**Naperville North believes in a collective partnership with parents/guardians which provides students the best opportunities for success.**


Some ways parents/guardians can support their student's learning are:

## REASSESSMENT POLICY

## COMMUNICATION

## ADDITIONAL RESOURCES FOR SUPPORT

## PARENT GUARDIAN PARTNERSHIP

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- Actively check Infinite Campus for their student's grade.
    - Infinite Campus is a tool to monitor student work until final course grade is posted.
    - Monthly progress grades are posted and represent the current grade of a student in the course at that moment in time.
  - Discuss their student's missing assignments, reiterate due dates, help organize their student's folders, materials and assignment notebooks, and review upcoming projects and assessments.

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