

GUITAR AT JOHN HERSEY HIGH SCHOOL

Guitar 1 (#184)

Students interested in learning to play the classical guitar will receive instruction in music notation and simple rhythmic patterns as well as right and left hand finger and rhythmic patterns. Students will study basic to moderately difficult music and how music interrelates with the other arts. This course satisfies the District 214 Fine Arts Requirement.

At Hersey, we strive to provide an enriching musical experience for students through rehearsal, performance, and exploration. ALL students are welcome in the Guitar program regardless of experience or ability.

GUITAR I

In this full year course, students will be introduced to the basics of playing the guitar. Each student is assigned a guitar to play throughout the school year. In this introduction course, students will be taught left hand skills such as root position chords, barre chords, and scale patterns. Right hand skills taught include strumming, finger picking, and palm muting.

Musical skills such as note reading and critical listening will also be introduced in the course. In addition to performance skills, students will also be introduced to a variety of styles including and not limited to classical, folk, rock, metal, pop, and blues.

GUITAR II

The guitar class II class is for students with guitar playing experience and the ability to read music. Students will learn more advanced skills such as improvising and composition. The class will also have a focus on playing as an ensemble.

GUITAR ENSEMBLE

The Guitar Ensemble is for experienced players with the ability to read music and/or have completed Guitar I and II

Questions? Please contact the guitar program instructor.

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