Ap Music Theory Syllabus

Mrs. MacDougall

2022-2023

**Class Description:** This class is a rigorous, in-depth look into music and how it is designed and functions. There will be homework every night and daily practice. Homework is consistently graded for accuracy and not just completion. Music Theory is a skill that is developed slowly and methodically. You must hand in all homework assignments and complete all assignments to pass the class. All who take the class are expected to take the AP Music Theory Exam in May. Singing in both major and minor key signatures is a crucial component of AP Music Theory and will be tested on the AP Music Theory Exam. Knowing all major and minor key signatures by memory is also essential. You will be expected to sing every day. Piano skills or advanced instrumental training are a prerequisite to taking this course.

**Online-** Please sign up below after receiving instructions on how to join the following sites

* AP website
* Google Classroom
* Sight Reading Factory

**Text** **Books**

* Music in Theory and Practice Bruce Benward, Marilyn Saker 2015, 9th Edition
* Baron’s Ap Music Theory 3rd Edition- Nancy Scroggin
* The Musicians’ Guide to Music Theory and Analysis

Jane Piper Clendinning & Elzabeth West Marvin - W. W. Norton & Company

* Music for Sight Singing- Thomas Benjamin

**Materials** **Needed**

* Pencils
* Staff Paper
* Three ring binder with sections for taking notes, homework, sight singing examples, composition exercise, Study guides for ap exam, returned work
* Access to Music Theory Books and online sites for practice

**Grading**: 20% Classwork- includes homework, Practice AP Exam Exams, examples completed

during class time and work ethic during class time.

40% Quizzes- includes Friday check points, Aural Skills quizzes, melody and rhythmic

Dictations, Sight-Singing, Short compositions and other

40% Major Assessments/Projects/Large Compositions: Unit Tests and portions of

quarterly projects

*Additional assessments/projects given at the discretion of the teacher.*

The eight units of this AP Music Theory instructional sequence are as follows:

* Unit 1: Music Fundamentals I: Pitch, Major Scales and Key

Signatures, Rhythm, Meter, and Expressive Elements

* Unit 2: Music Fundamentals II: Minor Scales and Key

Signatures, Melody, Timbre, and Texture

* Unit 3: Music Fundamentals III: Triads and Seventh Chords
* Unit 4: Harmony and Voice Leading I: Chord Function,

Cadence, and Phrase

* Unit 5: Harmony and Voice Leading II: Chord Progressions and

Predominant Function

* Unit 6: Harmony and Voice Leading III: Embellishments,

Motives, and Melodic Devices

* Unit 7: Harmony and Voice Leading IV: Secondary Function
* Unit 8: Modes and Form

Please return this sheet to your AP Music Theory Teacher by September 18th.

Please sign below, indicating that you have read and understand the requirements of this AP class and plan to take the AP Exam this spring:

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