

Music Fundamentals

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Full Year Course

9th - 12th Grade

One High School Music, Fine Arts, or Elective Credit

Course Tutor:

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Course Description:

As Martin Luther once wrote, "Music is an endowment and a gift of God, not a gift of men." This sixteenth century doctor placed music next to theology, giving it the highest praises. Of course, Luther is not the only notable person to greatly esteem music, but his assessment is worth noting since it points us back to the Creator, reminding us that He gives us all things. Through our vocations on earth, we reflect Christ's love by serving our neighbors – even through the gift of music.

In music fundamentals, students will be introduced to music terminology and history, learn the basics of music theory, master the fundamentals of staff reading and notation, experiment with composition, and develop an appreciation for the art of music in all its aspects. Each concept is taught in an imaginative and constructive way, and is introduced in three steps: comprehension (grammar stage), application (logic stage), and creative implementation (rhetoric stage). The course grade is based on assignments, quizzes, tests, and class participation.

Course Prerequisites:

None

Required Texts:

Alfred's Essentials of Music Theory: A Complete Self-Study Course for All Musicians (with CDs) By: Andrew Surmani ISBN: 0739036351

Required Supplies:

3-ring notebook with dividers and paper

Tutor Bio:

I had the blessing of being home-schooled from preschool through 12th grade and am so thankful that I was able to learn about God's world right at home with my family in Iowa. After high school, I attended Bethany Lutheran College where I earned a B.A. in music, and minors in church music, sociology, and religious studies. I now call Minnesota home and am pursuing music opportunities in teaching, performing, and composition. With over ten years of teaching and tutoring experience, I am thrilled to work with Webworks and pass on the love of music to the next generation of home-schoolers. Johann Sebastian Bach said that "The aim and final end of all music should be none other than the glory of God and the refreshment of the soul," and that is the goal of my classes.