



*Shepherd Hill Regional High School*  
*Visual and Performing Arts Department 2011-2012*

**Course:** Keyboard Lab I/II

**Level:** None

**Teacher:** Ms. Galli

**Credit:** .5

**Room:** Music Lab

**Course Description:**

Keyboard Lab – level I is an introductory course designed to provide beginning students with the fundamentals needed to play piano keyboard and interpret a score. Students will learn to read notes and rhythms, and develop independent hand and finger coordination leading to advanced keyboard studies. As they advance, students will continue with literature to refine technique, speed, accuracy and musicianship. Keyboard II students will review fundamentals and continue with appropriate level literature, exercises and scales.

**Student Learning Expectations:**

8 - The Shepherd Hill student demonstrates an understanding of culture and the arts.

**Texts/Materials:**

- Alfred's Basic Adult Piano Course I
- Alfred's Basic Adult Piano Course II
- Hanon Exercises
- Supplemental literature

**Assessment/Grading Policy:**

Keyboard class will involve both solo and ensemble playing and evaluation. Students will be graded according to the following criteria:

- Class participation
- Written/playing quizzes (evaluation in this area is based on improvement and growth not ability)
- Mid-term and final examination

**Classroom Procedures/Requirements:**

- Students must have music with them at every class
- Students must participate in all class activities
- Practice outside of class is required. Students may practice in the music area during the day with an appropriate pass from a music department staff member. The lab will also be open every day after school until 3:30 and before school by appointment.

**Behavioral Expectations:**

**Be Respectful and Cooperative:**

- Respect the abilities of your peers
- Do not interrupt class by talking or otherwise distracting others
- Contribute to a positive classroom experience

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Be Responsible and Productive:

- Ask questions and ask for help when you do not understand something
- Be attentive to the proper technique - posture, hand position, music theory
- Participate fully in all class activities
- Be open to new techniques and methods

Follow School Rules and Teachers' Expectations:

- Keep food and drinks out of classroom
- Follow directions – stop playing when teacher is explaining something
- Be careful with school equipment and use only your assigned keyboard

**\*Student Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**\*Parent/Guardian Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**\*Parent/Guardian Contact email** \_\_\_\_\_

**\*Signature indicates receipt of course syllabus.**

To publicize music dept. events, your child's picture may be published in the newspaper or on the web site for public viewing. Your signature below will give the music dept permission to use your child's photograph for publicity in the 2011-2012 school year.

**Parent/Guardian Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

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