

Ukulele Course Outline

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“Music is the shorthand of emotion.” - Leo Tolstoy

The HS Ukulele course allows students the opportunity to express themselves, be creative, work together (playing chords and melody together), and develop passions. All of this through music, and with the ukulele as the instrument of choice.

For the students who will be learning the Ukulele for the first time, the course will focus on learning the basic skills of playing the ukulele, understanding how to read chord and melody sheets, playing different genres of music, and even creating own pieces of music. For the students who are continuing learners of the Ukulele, they will focus on honing their skills and learning how to play songs of their choice, as well as how to play in a duet.

The teacher will provide ukuleles to each student every class. Every student will receive the opportunity to bring the ukulele home if they'd like to practice with it outside of school. Students will be given the opportunity to take the ukulele issued to them home. When they return the ukulele, if it is not in usable condition the family will be asked to replace it. If the ukulele is not returned at all, the family will be asked to replace it. If the student brings the ukulele home and does not bring it back for each class, a zero will be earned for participation that day.

EARNING YOUR GRADE

Your grade will be determined by your work in these categories:

6P's = 60%

Projects = 40%

IMPORTANT DATES

Date	Project (Beginners)	Project (Intermediate)
October 29th	Playing an assigned song's chords	Playing first full song of choice
January 21st	Playing an assigned song's melody	Playing second full song of choice
April 8th	Playing a song of the student's choice	Playing duet with intermediate player
June 10th	Construct own song and play duet with advanced player	Construct own song and play duet with beginner player

