



Course Overview & Signature Sheet

Guitar Department Handbook

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Course Description: Each course is designed to assist students in playing the guitar. Students will receive guidance and direction in solving problems related to playing the guitar on all levels and will learn many of the different styles, skills and techniques required to become a successful musician. Areas of concentration include: correct posture, note-reading, aural skills, rhythmic patterns, chord study, finger-picking styles, melody construction, musical forms and performing experiences. Each course fulfills the National Association for Music Educators National Standards which have been adopted by the State of Nevada.

Curriculum: Each level of guitar class follows CCSD curriculum guidelines. Brief course descriptions can be found in the Course Catalog at <http://lasvegasacademy.net>. Schedule information is available at www.edmodo.com and may be seen by selecting the calendar and selecting monthly view. The Edmodo code for the Varsity 1 is 3ekj71. Varsity 2 code is xxfyv. Varsity 3 code is 4e996v.

Books & Materials: All books and materials will be supplied as part of the class fee. Students will need to provide a 3-ring notebook which will hold all class materials and will be brought to class each day. Students should not remove any materials from this notebook during the school year.

Grades: Grades will be earned according the following formula:

1. All grades will be distributed between two assessment buckets: formative and summative. Weighted percentages will be as follows:

a. Regular courses	30% formative, 70% summative
b. Honors level courses	20% formative, 80% summative
c. AP level courses	10% formative, 90% summative
2. Semester Grades are calculated: Quarter 40% + Quarter 40% + Semester Exam 20% = Final Grade

Late Work Policy: Students may make up unexcused late work for a maximum of 75% of the score. This applies to any work which is 3 or more days late. Any make-up after 10 school days will receive only 50%.

The complete course expectation is available for your perusal on <http://lasvegasacademy.net/>. A paper copy is available upon request.

Return the signature portion below (the top of the page should be retained by the student/parent).

Our signature below indicates my child and I have read the above materials and agree to abide by the policies of the class. **Return to class by 09/01/2017**

Print Student Name _____ Signature _____

Parent name _____ Signature: _____

Best Daytime Phone Number _____ email _____