Belleville Township High School West
Department of Music

MUSIC 1930
Fundamentals of Music

Grade Level: 10, 11, 12

Credit: .5 units per semester

Dual Enrollment: Southwestern Illinois College, Music 104-001, 3 credit hours

Prerequisite: Prior study and experience in vocal or instrumental music.

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Office Hour/Plan Period: 8:30 am - 9:25 am, Room A112

Course Description: This is a beginner’s course in reading music notation and understanding keys, scales and chords, including an introduction to the keyboard. The course is designed for a variety of music students: those who are beginning the study of music with little or no background; those who are prospective college music majors who must prepare for formal training in harmony and counterpoint; elementary school teachers who need a basic knowledge of music; and those students who would like a degree of music literacy.

Course Objectives: Upon successful completion of this course, the student should be able to:

1. Identify the line and space notes of the Grand Staff.
2. Interpret and demonstrate the octave register system.
3. Distinguish between all rhythmic note values by name, shape and comparison of value.
4. Show location of any note on a piano keyboard.
5. Identify intervals from prime to octave by quality and quantity.
6. Name the basic chord spellings and analyze major, minor, diminished and augmented chord types.
7. Spell major, natural minor, harmonic minor or melodic minor scale.
8. Recreate the Circle of Fifths and the proper order and placement of the orders of sharps and flats.
9. Count, write, clap or play rhythmic notation in simple and compound meters.
10. Interpret simple and compound meters.


Student Evaluation: Students will be responsible for completing homework outside of class including reading assignments and worksheets. Class time will include new material, worksheets, question/answer, and discussion. Individual and group projects will be completed during the class period.
**Class Materials**: A notebook, class text, and course handouts are needed for class each day. Manuscript paper is provided. Bring a pencil to class each day; to be used for all class assignments and music notation/aural training.

**Additional Information**

**Student Learning Outcomes** - The assessment of student learning is an integral part of the educational experience. To this end, the faculty continually assess student learning to improve student success. Occasionally, students are requested to participate in school-wide and discipline specific assessment activities. Please take these assessments seriously. The data that is collected will provide valuable information to faculty and will be used to improve student learning at Belleville West.

**Academic Dishonesty** - Academic misconduct includes, but is not limited to, cheating, plagiarism and forgery, failure or refusal to follow clinical practice standards, and soliciting, aiding, abetting, concealing, or attempting such acts. Plagiarism may consist of copying, paraphrasing, or otherwise using written or oral work of another without proper acknowledgment of the source or presenting oral or written material prepared by another as one’s own.

**Phones/Electronic Devices in Classroom** - All phones/electronic devices should be turned off prior to entering the classroom.