2026-2027 School Year
Lexington High Piano Techniques

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Course Mission: To provide a beginner's introduction to playing the piano and a basic understanding of how to read music.

Objective and Description - This course is designed to teach the following:

- Posture, Finger/Hand Placement and technique
- Music reading skills including notes, rhythms, dynamics, tempo and style
- Basic Piano Exercises and Practice Techniques

Grading Procedures - Grades will be figured using the following criteria:

- Students are required to pass playing tests on each assigned page before being allowed to progress to the next page. Each playing test is worth 10 points.
- All worksheets and other work will be given a point value.
- Quarter grades will be based on total points earned divided by total points available.
- Semester grades will be figured using this formula:
  - Qtr.1(3)=45%, Qtr. 2(4)=45%, S1(2) Final=10%
  - The Semester Final will be two pieces performed as a recital. Each piece will be worth 10pts. The grade is based on a total of 20 available pts.
- Playing tests will almost always be done in a one-on-one setting at the grand piano in the front of the room.
- Late work will be accepted with a 10% reduction in credit for every week it is late:
  - 1st week you can earn up to 90%
  - 2nd week you can earn up to 80%
  - 3rd week will be 0%

Care of Equipment:

- The piano lab used for this course is full of expensive equipment. Each student is expected to treat the lab with the utmost care. Please report any technical issues to Mr. Botsford ASAP.
- Playing test materials will be distributed via Google Classroom. Written work (worksheets, quizzes and/or other) will may be on Google Classroom or in paper form.

All school rules and policies apply to the choir classroom and are expected to be followed.