

## **Heritage High School Guitar Courses**

### **Beginning Guitar**

Grades 9-12

Prerequisites: None

Course Code: 293000

Credit: 1

This class is open to students with no previous musical experience. The purpose of this course is to prepare students for a lifetime of guitar playing and music appreciation. Topics include standard musical notation; knowledge of the fretboard through fifth position; introduction to left and right hand techniques, including fingerstyle and pick technique; fundamentals of music; chords; basic song accompaniment; music history; listening; and understanding of guitar terminology. The class also includes solo and ensemble literature. A variety of musical styles are explored. Students must supply a standard nylon string classical guitar.

**Expected Practice:** 30 Minutes per day

**A successful student** is dedicated, interested, attentive and organized

### **Intermediate Guitar**

Grades 9-12

Prerequisite: Successful completion of Beginning Guitar,  
Audition, or Teacher Recommendation.

Course Code: 294000

Credit: 1

This class is open to students who have completed the LCPS guitar program in the middle school or have successfully completed the Beginning Guitar class at the high school level. Students who do not meet these prerequisites may be accepted by audition. The purpose of this course is to prepare students for a lifetime of guitar playing and music appreciation. Topics include completion of the fingerboard, refinement of right and left hand technique, advanced chord forms, scales, improvisation, and solo and ensemble repertoire. A variety of musical styles are explored. The ensemble is performance-oriented and is involved in concert appearances and county events. As a co-curricular ensemble, performances outside regular school hours are a requirement. Students must supply a standard nylon string classical guitar.

**Expected Practice:** 30 Minutes per day

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### **Advanced Guitar**

Course Code: 295000

Grades 9-12

Credit: 1

Prerequisites: Successful completion of Intermediate Guitar,  
Audition or Teacher Recommendation.

This class is open to students who have completed Intermediate Guitar. Students who have not completed Intermediate Guitar may be accepted by audition. The purpose of this course is to prepare students for a lifetime of guitar playing and music appreciation. Topics include mastery of the fingerboard, refinement of right and left hand technique, advanced chord forms, scales, improvisation, and advanced solo and ensemble repertoire. A variety of musical styles are explored. The ensemble is performance-oriented and is involved in concert appearances and county events. As a co-curricular ensemble, performances outside regular school hours are a requirement. Students must supply a standard nylon string classical guitar.

**Expected Practice:** 45 Minutes per day

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### **Artist Level Guitar**

Course Code: 296000

Grades 9-12

Credit: 1

Prerequisites: Successful completion of Advanced Guitar,  
audition and teacher recommendation.

Students who perform at the Artist level have built upon and mastered the previous skill levels of Beginning, Intermediate, and Advanced Guitar. Artist Level Guitar students perform, discuss, analyze, and critically evaluate characteristics of more elaborate music compositions from a variety of styles. The ensemble is performance-oriented and is involved in concert appearances and county events. As a co-curricular ensemble, performances outside regular school hours are a requirement. Students must supply a standard nylon string classical guitar.

**Expected Practice:** 45 Minutes per day

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