

# Freedom High School 2016-17 School Year “Guitar Ensembles” Guitar I/II/III/IV Syllabus

**AGE – Advanced Guitar Ensembles “Ponticello” & “Tasto” / GO – Guitar Orchestra**

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**Performing Arts Department Vision:** To provide to all students, exceptional performance engagement experiences in the creative arts.

**Course Overview:** The goals of all FHS Guitar Ensembles are for the student to develop more advanced techniques of guitar performance, learn about the history of guitar, perform solo and ensemble repertoire, and apply music theory.

### **Technology Standards:**

**MU.912.F.1.1:** Analyze and evaluate the effect of "traditional" and contemporary technologies on the development of music.

**MU.912.F.1.2:** Incorporate or adapt new, emerging, or previously unfamiliar technology to create an innovative composition, music project, or related product.

**EDMODO GROUP CODE:** The code will be provided in specific classes. Assignments and class documents will be posted to the Edmodo and Google Drive folders for student/parent access.

**A \$60.00 Guitar Maintenance Fee for music, guest artists, festival transportation, FOA Solo/Ensemble Registration, guitar upkeep, string replacement and guitar t-shirt are due by Friday, August 26<sup>th</sup>. There are two methods of payment and include:**

**1) Log onto <https://www.schoolpay.com/>**

School Pay instructions:

1. Click “Create an account”.
2. User name is your email address.
3. Enter parent information.
4. A temporary numerical password will be sent to your email address.
5. Enter student information: school, OCPS student number, student last name.
6. Enter financial information.
7. Confirm your information.
8. Login with your email address and password.
9. Change your password.
10. Make your payment.

- 1. Pay by cash or personal check made payable to “Freedom High School”, (Please write your phone number and the student’s name on the top of the check.)**

**No student will be denied from playing guitar in class due to finances.** Students and parents should communicate with Mr. Perez if there is a financial hardship so a payment plan may be set up over the course of the school year to cover costs for the class. A student obligation list for monies owed to the Guitar Program will be sent to the Media Center beginning in October 2016.

- Goals:**
1. Students will continue to develop and improve advanced music READING skills.
  2. Students will continue to develop and improve their TONE and SOUND production.
  3. Students will improve their ability to make proper MUSICAL choices.
  4. Students will develop advanced guitar playing TECHNIQUES.
  5. Students will master and play major and minor SCALES and CHORD PATTERNS.
  6. Students will PERFORM and LISTEN to others with proper respect and concert manners.

**Required Materials:** PENCILS w/ erasers (No Pens!) Folder (provided) Sheets (provided)  
Scale sheets/Chord chart (provided) Evaluation/Proficiency

A metronome/tuner (the *SHAR STM501 Clip Metro-Tuner* or the *Snark Super Tight All Instrument Tuner* are good clip-on tuners for under \$20). If you have a smart phone, there are several metronome and tuner apps you can get for free or purchase.

**Grading:**

9 week grades:	60% Skill proficiencies / Music preparedness / Daily participation 10% Written testing 30% Homework/recitals/performances
Semester Exams:	80% Performance of a solo and scales (major and minor) 20% EOC "End of Course" exam

**Consequences:**

- 1<sup>st</sup>) Warning
- 2<sup>nd</sup>) Student-Teacher conference w/ Parent phone call/email
- 3<sup>rd</sup>) Referral / Administrative Detention

**Responsibilities:** Students will be held accountable while using school property as stated in the OCPS Code of Student Conduct. This includes the writing of referrals and seeking full restitution for damage to any guitars, cases, chairs, stands or other equipment in the Guitar Room as well as equipment music and otherwise on Freedom High School and OCPS Property.

**Homework:** You are expected to practice ½ to one hour each day outside of class as your homework.

**Classroom Procedures: (not following ANY of these procedures MAY affect your grade!)**

- Be ready to play with all Required Materials **by the time the bell rings**. If you are not ready by the time we begin tuning, you are late!
- Your area should be clean and organized. **Allow space for the instructor to walk around the room and work with each person individually.**
- Stay in your seat at all times; the instructor will let you know when you may work together.
- Only touch your own or assigned instrument. The trading of guitars is not allowed.
- Listen attentively during instruction.
- Raise your hand if you have a question.
- When the instructor is talking, put your guitar down and turn it over on your lap so instructions or directions may be given. This is hard to control sometimes... please try your best.
- Follow directions the **first time** they are given.
- You are dismissed when the instructor dismisses you; the bell is a reminder that class is just about over.
- On occasional days, time will be given during the class period for practicing.
- You are responsible for leaving your area clean and organized. Pick up books, pencils, paper, etc.  
**Food, Gum or Drink** are not allowed in the 800 Building at **all times**.

**Performance Schedule:** As a performance oriented class, students in any of the FHS Guitar Ensembles will have required performances as part of their overall performance grade playing solo and/or ensemble Guitar Music at the following events:

- \* FMEA All-State Guitar Audition: Dr. Phillips High School - Times TBA - Cost \$25.00  
Saturday, September 24, 2016 – 7 pm (**Any students interested in auditioning**)  
Accepted students will be notified by the beginning of November 2016.
- \* Performing Arts Department Fall Concert: Freedom High School Performing Arts Center  
Tuesday, October 4, 2016 – 7:00pm (**AGE "Ponticello"**) Call time 6:15pm in the Guitar Room.
- \* OCPS All-County Guitar Auditions: Freedom High School Guitar Room- Times TBA - Cost \$10.00  
Wednesday, October 26, 2016 – (**Any students interested in auditioning**) Audition Materials will be announced to classes and posted on the All-County Guitar Page when it is available.  
Accepted students will be notified on Thursday, November 3, 2016.
- \* Fall Guitar Concert: Freedom High School Performing Arts Center  
Tuesday, November 1, 2016 – 7:00pm (**GO & AGE "Tasto"**) Call time 6pm in the Guitar Room.
- \* PRISM Concert Week: Freedom High School Performing Arts Center (**ALL GUITAR ENSEMBLES**)  
Thursday, December 8, 2016 – 2:15pm ---- Tech Run  
Friday, December 9, 2016 – Periods 1-5 Call time 7:15am in the PAC. ---- 2 Performance Runs  
Saturday, December 10, 2016 – Call time 12:30pm in the Guitar Room. ---- 3 Full Performances!  
**\*\*\*Concerts at 1:30pm, 4:00pm & 7:00pm\*\*\***
- \* FMEA All-State Music Conference/Clinic: Tampa, Florida (**Selected students who auditioned**)  
Tuesday - Thursday, January 10-12, 2017 – Rehearsal/Performance Location & Times TBA
- \* OCPS All-County Honor Guitar Festival: Winter Park HS Main Campus (**Selected students who auditioned**)  
Tuesday – January 31, 2017 - 6:00pm-8:30pm – Sectional  
Thursday – February 2, 2017 - 6:00pm-8:30pm – Sectional  
Friday - February 3, 2017 - 8:30am-3:30pm – Rehearsal **and** 7:00pm – Concert
- \* FOA Solo/Ensemble Festival: Location & Time(s) TBA (**ALL GUITAR ENSEMBLE STUDENTS**)  
Saturday - February 4, 2017
- \* Silent Auction/Guitar Concert: Freedom High School Performing Arts Center  
Tuesday, February 14, 2017 – 7:00pm (**GO & AGE "Tasto"**) Call time 6:15pm in the Guitar Room.
- \* Stetson Guitar Day: Stetson University, DeLand, FL  
Friday, March 17, 2017 – All Day (**ALL GUITAR ENSEMBLES**)
- \* Long Island Guitar Festival: Long Island University, Brookville NY  
Thursday, April 6-Sunday, April 9, 2017 – 7:00pm (**GO & AGE "Tasto"**)
- \* Spring Guitar Concert: Freedom High School Performing Arts Center  
Tuesday, April 25, 2017 – 7:00pm (**ALL GUITAR ENSEMBLES**) Call time 6:15pm in the Guitar Room.

**Other rehearsal and performance opportunities may be added to our calendar at the discretion of Mr. Perez including several in-school field trips to rehearse with college professors, and off campus to perform/work with other guitar programs, and performing in our community. Students will be notified at least two weeks prior each added event. An unexcused absence from each and any rehearsal and performance commitment will result in the lowering of a letter grade during the grading period from which the performance was held. Please contact Mr. Perez if there are any questions or conflicts at least two weeks prior to a performance.**

**Performance Attire:** Performance dress for men and ladies will include: plain black shirt with no lettering or designs (long or short sleeves will be fine), black shoes, plain black pants (no jeans), and black socks. Please plan now as we have several performances scheduled this year.

**Fundraising Schedule:** Given all ensembles will participate in the Stetson Guitar Day and the LIGF trip for the members of GO and Tasto, I arranged several opportunities to fundraise to offset costs for both. Below is a schedule of our activities and require participation and support from friends and family as applicable:

\* Gardell Bros. Brick Oven Pizza: Tuesday dates below are FHS Guitar Program Spirit Nights!

August 2, 2016	December 13, 2016
September 6, 2016	January 24, 2017
October 11, 2016	February 28, 2017
November 15, 2016	

\*Publix Hunter's Creek: See Mr. Perez to sign up for available times and dates. 2 hour shifts (four students per shift) from 8am-8pm

Weekend #1: Saturday, August 20, 2016 & Sunday, August 21, 2016  
Weekend #2: Saturday, September 17, 2016 & Sunday, September 18, 2016  
Weekend #3: Saturday, October 8, 2016 & Sunday, October 9, 2016

\*Encore Cheesecake Sale:

September 26-October 11, 2016. Delivery scheduled for the week of November 14, 2016

\*Hunter's Creek Community Garage Sale: **We will need a family to be a host home site for this event!**

Saturday, November 5, 2016 – 7am to ???pm

\*Silent Auction / Concert: Freedom High School Performing Arts Center

Tuesday, February 14, 2017 – 7:00pm (GO & AGE "Tasto") Call time 6:15pm in the Guitar Room

**Families please find items to donate!** Ex. include, gift baskets, theme park tickets, resort get-a-ways, rounds of golf, etc.

**Proceeds will go toward accounts for students who directly participate in that particular event.**

- **Publix Hunter's Creek (Publix Southchase TBD)**
- **Car Washes (date(s), location(s), time(s) TBD)**
- **Encore Cheesecake Sale**
- **Rehearse-A-Thon / Bike-A-Thon (date, time TBD)**
- **Hunter's Creek Community Garage Sale**
- **Silent Auction**

**Proceeds will collectively go toward offsetting costs for the New York LIGF trip**

- **Gardell Bros. Brick Oven Pizza**
- **Jeremiah's Italian Ice (dates TBD)**

[Gardell Brothers Brick Oven Pizza](#)

[13586 Village Park Dr Ste 310, Orlando, FL 32837](#)

<http://www.jeremiahsice.com/viewHuntersCreekStore.php>

[3988 W Town Center Blvd, Orlando, FL 32837](#)

**Emergency Treatment Form/Additions/Model Release Form:** Given we will be performing off campus this year, all parents must fill out and students turn in the OCPS Emergency Treatment Form. This filled out form will allow your child to receive medical attention in case of an emergency. Given the FHS Guitar Program have received much publicity over the past several years, students and parents need to fill out the OCPS Model Release Form. Both sheets are due to Mr. Perez by **Friday, August 26, 2016!** We also need parents to become additions volunteers to help chaperone the different field trips planned. It takes an average of three to four weeks for the county to do background checks for all potential chaperones. To apply, please go online at: <https://www.ocps.net/es/cr/resources/Pages/VolunteerOnlineApplication.aspx>

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**Extra Credit:** Extra credit may be obtained by:

- Participating in approved recitals/concerts
- Attending and turning in a program from an approved performance **AND** writing a response/review of the performance

You can receive up to 50 points each (one per quarter) and up to 200 points total for the whole year. Points awarded will be based on relevance and quality of written response of the performance. Points will be applied to the portion of your grade it affects the most. Points may not be applied to semester or final exams. Extra Credit will not be awarded to students enrolled in another Freedom High School Performing Arts ensemble where performances are a required part of the curriculum.

**Guitar Storage:** Guitars maybe stored in an assigned area of Room 829 during the day. You may bring your guitar down in the morning AFTER 7:00 am. The room will be unlocked during the day when Mr. Perez is in the classroom and locked after school when he leaves.

**Music:** You are responsible for the music and folio that is given to you. If you are unable to return originals in good condition you will be charged for the replacement.

**Parents/Students need to use the link below to complete and input contact information. This needs to be completed by Friday, August 26, 2016 for students to receive a 100 point test grade of “A”.**

<https://goo.gl/forms/R8rD7Q0igqbHrbXo2>