

# Freedom High School 2021-22 School Year “Guitar Ensembles” Guitar 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 and apply more advanced techniques of guitar performance, learn about the development and 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.

## **CANVAS and fhsguitar.net:**

Playing proficiencies, concert, performance and rehearsal dates will be published to Canvas. Students will post and track classroom assignments, projects and assessments to Canvas as their planning device for all academics. Concerts, performances and rehearsal dates are listed in this syllabus and also will be published to <https://www.fhsguitar.net>

**Required Materials:** PENCILS w/ erasers (**No Pens!**) Folder (provided)  
Scale sheets/Warm-up manuals (provided) Solo/Ensemble Music (provided)

**Highly Recommended Optional Materials:** A Classical Guitar (for home practice/school use until the Covid Pandemic is abated – see the next page for Mr. Perez’ recommendations on what and where to purchase); a metronome/tuner (the *SHAR STM501 Clip Metro-Tuner* or the *Snark Super Tight All Instrument Tuner* are good ones for between \$15-\$25). If you have a smart phone, there are several

metronome and tuner apps you can get for free or purchase. For students owning a guitar, you also need to purchase a 3-in-1 string winding tool and also several sets of strings.

### **COVID-19 and Instrument Sharing Guidelines:**

Using current COVID-19 Pandemic recommendations from the CDC, NFHS, NAFME and the NAMM Foundation, we are able to share our class set of 35 guitars, provided students using school equipment properly clean and sanitize hands prior to each class period.

We currently have six (6) periods of guitar. Instruments will be assigned to individual students for each class period. I do not have enough individual instruments for all 160 students enrolled in the FHS Guitar Program. I highly recommend all students purchase their own guitar, for use/practice at home and at school.

### **Guitar Purchase Recommendations:**

You may go to the link attached pictures below to purchase an entry level guitar for either home use (LaunchEd students) or Face to Face students (you will need a bag so you can take the guitar home to practice).

Good – \$130.00 range

Fender Classical Guitar



Better – \$180.00 range

Cordoba CP100 Classical Guitar



Best – \$350.00 range

Cordoba C5 Ibero Classical



These models may also be purchased through other online music retailers and at the South Orlando Guitar Center located on Orange Blossom Trail. Instruments by Yamaha, Ortega and Ibanez would also be good choices. Aside from Guitar Center, instruments may be purchase from an online music retailer including

- Woodwind/Brasswind - <https://www.wwbw.com/>
- Musician's Friend – <https://www.musiciansfriend.com/>
- Sweetwater - <https://www.sweetwater.com/>

Please contact Mr. Perez with any questions or concerns.

**A \$50.00 Guitar Maintenance Fee for music, Solo/Ensemble Registration, guitar upkeep, string replacement and guitar t-shirt are due by Friday, Friday, August 27, 2021. 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.

**2) 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 created and updated beginning in October 2021.

- 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.

**Grading:** It is my expectation that students will meet all deadlines for this courses. If deadlines are not met, the following consequences will occur:

- A phone call to involve parents will be made.
- Student will be expected to make arrangements to complete work during tutoring hours, upon discretion of Mr. Perez and his availability.
- Any assignments not completed will be placed in the grade book as "Missing" until satisfactory work is completed and graded.

9 week grades: 60% Skill proficiencies / Music preparedness / rehearsal 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 and other music equipment in the Guitar Room and other-wise on Freedom High School and OCPS Property. In addition, students damaging school property will be subject to removal from Guitar Class.

**Homework:** You are expected to practice one  $\frac{1}{2}$  hour to one hour each day outside of class as your homework.

**Classroom Procedures: (not following ANY of these procedures will inhibit the ensembles ability to improve and prepare for performances!)**

- 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 in rest position 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 Guitar Room at **all times**. **Water is permitted.**

## 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:

**\*\*\* All performances below are on the FHS School Calendar. Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, we will reschedule a performance if there is a need to do so.**

**\*Performing Arts Department Fall Concert:** Freedom High School Performing Arts Center

Monday, October 4, 2021 – 7:00pm ("**Ponticello**") Call time 6:15pm in the Guitar Room.

**\*Fall Guitar Concert:** Freedom High School Performing Arts Center

Tuesday, October 26, 2021 – 7:00pm (**GO & "Tasto"**) Call time 6pm in the Guitar Room.

For (**AGE "Ponticello"**) this will be a required concert to attend/not to miss!!!!

**\*OCPS All-County Guitar Auditions:** Freedom High School Guitar Room- Times TBA

Thursday, October 28, 2020 – (**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 4, 2021.

**\*"Taste of Freedom" Performance:** Freedom High School Performing Arts Center

Tuesday, November 2, 2021 – 6:30pm (**GO**) Call time 5:45pm in the Guitar Room.

**\*PRISM Concert Week:** Freedom High School Performing Arts Center (**ALL GUITAR ENSEMBLES**)

Thursday, December 9, 2021 – 2:15pm ---- One Tech Run!

Friday, December 10, 2021 – Periods 1-5 Call time 7:15am in the PAC. ---- Two Performance Runs!

Saturday, December 11, 2021 – Call time 12:30pm in the Guitar Room. ---- Three Full Performances!

**\*\*\*Concerts at 1:30pm, 4:00pm & 7:00pm\*\*\***

**\*OCPS All-County Honor Guitar Festival:** Winter Park HS Main Campus (**Selected students**)

Tuesday – February 1, 2022 - 6:00pm-8:30pm – Sectional

Thursday – February 3, 2022 - 6:00pm-8:30pm – Sectional

Friday – February 4, 2022 - 8:30am-3:30pm – Rehearsal **and** 7:00pm – Concert

**\*FOA Solo/Ensemble Festival:** Location & Time(s) TBA (**ALL GUITAR ENSEMBLE STUDENTS**)

Saturday - February 5, 2022

**\*Multi-Cultural Night:** Freedom High School Courtyard

Thursday, April 14, 2022 – 6:30pm call time (**ALL GUITAR ENSEMBLES**)

Call time 5:00pm in the Guitar Room.

**\*Freshman Orientation:** Freedom High School Performing Arts Center

Tuesday, April 19, 2022 – 7:00pm (**Any Guitar student interested in helping and promoting**)

Call time 6:00pm in the Guitar Room.

**\*Spring Guitar Concert:** Freedom High School Performing Arts Center

Thursday, April 21, 2022 – 7:00pm (**ALL GUITAR ENSEMBLES**) Call time 6:00pm 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 one of two forms:

- **Concert Black** will be 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.
- **Relaxed Informal** will be our FHS Guitar Shirt, blue jeans and gym shoes.

**Emergency Treatment Form/Additions/Model Release Form:** Since we are performing off campus this year, all parents must fill out and students turn in the OCPS Emergency Treatment Form. This 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 13, 2021!** 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://ocps.samaritan.com/custom/503/index.php?redirectedFromHttp>.

**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 attending and performing are a required part of the curriculum.

**Guitar Storage:** Guitars maybe stored in an assigned area of Room 434 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.

**Student Conduct:** Students will be held responsible while using school property as stated in the OCPS Code of Student Conduct. This includes damage to any guitars, cases, chairs, stands and other related equipment in the Guitar Room. Students will complete an Instrument Condition Use Form. You are responsible for the music materials given to you and specific guitar assigned to you. Students not taking good care in using assigned school equipment and related materials, will result in paying restitution for damages incurred (including repair or replacement), will include parental contact and administrative referral and may lose the privilege of using a school assigned instrument.

**Please be responsible as all students in the guitar program share the same equipment.**

Parents/Students need to use the link below to acknowledge understanding of the contents of this syllabus, complete and input on Google Forms, contact information. This needs to be completed by Friday, August 13, 2021 for students to receive a 100 point test grade of "A".

<https://tinyurl.com/GuitarFHSSyllabus>

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