

# PETERS TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL

## COURSE SYLLABUS: MUSIC THEORY ONLINE

### **Course Overview and Essential Skills**

Music Theory Online delivers a self-paced entry level theory curriculum via computer to aspiring high school musicians. Students study a broad range of musical concepts that are integrated into music composition and general musicianship areas. No prerequisite.

### **Course Textbook and Required Materials**

- Laptop computer (provided)

### **Course Outline of Material Covered:**

| <b>Unit or Topic</b>                                   | <b>Concepts/Skills/Resources</b>   | <b>Timeframe</b>                                  |
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| Unit of study or major topic as outlined in curriculum | Unit specific skills or concepts, could include projects or labs, movies used or other specific resources, etc   | May indicate the month or amount of time for unit |
| Unit 1   | This unit covers the basic elements of music theory through staff knowledge, clefs, pitch and rhythm recognition, accidentals, time Signature, measures, key signatures, rests, dotted notes, ties, simple, compound, and odd meter. This is a 90% self-guided course in the online environment of Course Sites. | <u>3 weeks</u>                                    |
| Unit 2   | Students will achieve a functional knowledge of all major and minor scales, intervals from unison to 1 octave, notation skills in beaming rhythms, modulation, transposition, develop singing skills using solfege symbols. This is a 90% self-guided course in the online environment of Course Sites.          | <u>4 weeks</u>                                    |
| Unit 3   | This unit covers the definition and use of modes and chords. Students learn the construction of melody and harmony using these as song construction devices. Previous unit knowledge understanding is required to succeed in this unit.  | <u>5 weeks</u>                                    |
| Unit 4   | This unit covers composing an original composition. Students will take the compilation of 3 units of material and apply to the design of an original melody and song. This unit is primarily a PBL. This is a 90% self-guided course in the online environment of Course Sites.                                  | <u>6 weeks</u>                                    |

*\*Depending on the needs of the class or changes in the school year, the course outline is subject to change.*