

# School of Rock I Syllabus

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Welcome to School of Rock! Over the course of the term, you will be learning the basics of playing the guitar and reinforcing musical concepts that can be applied to other areas of music. In addition, you will explore various styles of music that use guitar. In order to be successful on the guitar, you will need to be organized, efficient, and enthusiastic. This should not be a problem when playing one of the coolest instruments!

## Required Materials:

- Assigned guitar, notebook, folder, and pencil

## By the end of the course, you should be able to:

- Identify the six different guitar strings and the notes on each fret
- Play basic chords and melodies
- Perform basic strumming patterns
- Read the treble clef
- Name the parts and types of guitars
- Discuss the history of the instrument
- Analyze and identify the various styles and genres of music that use guitar

## Topics that will be covered:

- Rhythmic and melodic reading
- Root position chords
- Strumming patterns
- Assembly and parts of the guitar
- Tuning
- Basic music theory
- Music analysis and listening

## Grading:

- 50% - Class participation
- 40% - Quizzes (Playing and written)
- 10% - Final Exam

## Course Expectations:

- Treat your peers with respect
- Treat facilities and equipment with care
- No food or drink, except water, is allowed in the music room
- Cell phones are NOT allowed unless I give you permission to use them for a particular in-class assignment. If I see you using a cell phone during class, it will be confiscated immediately and sent to the office.

## Tips for success:

- Take advantage of your class time
- Practice at home (remember, it's not about how much you practice, it's about how effective your practice is)
- Give yourself space and use the entire room (no crowds around one stand).
- Ask your peers to assess your playing frequently. Provide each other with both positive and critical feedback.
- Have Fun!