

Guitar

The following learning targets represent the major concepts studied and assessed in this course. All units are taught simultaneously.



Year Round:

Unit 1: Posture and Technique

The fundamentals in how to properly hold and play the guitar for optimum performance, including:

- Introduction to parts of the guitar
- Rehearsal norms and procedures
- Correct usage and positioning of left and right hands

Unit 2: Music Theory and Notation

Teaching students the basic foundation to music reading and literacy, including:

- Melodic and rhythmic sight reading
- Reading chord symbols
- Navigating basic music forms
- Beginning literacy in musical expressions, articulations, and other markings

Unit 3: Listening and Evaluating

Part of being a musician is listening to yourself and others. Learning targets can include:

- Self-evaluation
- Listening to and evaluating performances of others
- Exploring the different ways we respond to music
- Exploring the many different genres of music in which guitars are used

Unit 4: Performance

This is the culminating activity to all of the above units: demonstrating the knowledge and skills for the teacher.

- Playing assessments