

Beginner Guitar

UNIT/ Weeks	Timeline/Topics	Essential Questions
9	Guitar Basics: Getting Started <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Guitar Basics • Guitar Anatomy • Guitar Tuning • Basic Technique • Basics of Music Reading • Chords 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are features, timbres and qualities that make the guitar a unique musical instrument? • What are qualities that are shared between the guitar and other instruments? • What progression should be taken in order to provide a sound foundation for the experience of being a guitarist?
18 Ongoing	Guitar History: How Guitar Fits <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Guitar History • Musical Styles and Genres 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How has the development, design and popularity of the guitar been shaped by socio-economics, trends, designers and notable composers or performers? • What do you find appealing or about certain types of guitar playing and music written for guitar versus that which does not interest you as much? • Why is guitar regarded in popular culture as more of a “modern” instrument and known less as a “classical instrument” than some of its peers (i.e. piano, violin, etc.)?
9	Beyond the Basics <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moving Beyond the Basics in Guitar • Notes, Melodies, Chords • Pattern Variations • Accidentals • Dynamics 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What motivates you to keep playing, practicing and progressing on your instrument? • What are challenges and solutions to increasing your musical vocabulary on the guitar? • What would be the intent, purpose, benefits and drawbacks of continuing to practice earlier material in varying amounts? • How can we help each other to develop as musicians?