

# AP Music Theory

## Summer Assignments

AP Music Theory Students and Parents,

Please take the time to read all of the information below so that you understand the demands of the AP Music Theory course. If you have any questions or problems, please do not hesitate to contact your instructor through email. Students will be expected to take a diagnostic quiz on the first day of class. Please use the information in this letter to help you prepare.

Advanced Placement courses are presented on a college level using college-level textbooks. AP Music Theory runs like the first year of a college music theory experience, developing both theoretical and aural skills. In May, students will take the AP Music Theory Exam. Students who score well may receive college credit for up to a year of Music Theory and/or Aural Skills.

Like other AP courses offered at Pocono Mountain, there is a summer assignment for this course. Our summer assignment is for you to memorize all 12 major scales and the chromatic scale on your instrument. Music theory presents many different challenges, which are ALL made easier if you have a great understanding of your chromatic and major scales.

On the first day of class in August, there will be a playing exam where you play all 12 major scales and the chromatic scale from memory. Please practice these daily over the summer- don't wait until the last minute!

Good luck with your summer assignment. Please email your teacher if you have any questions.

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