

# BCHS Keyboard Syllabus 2020-2021

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The purpose of Keyboard at Boca Ciega High School is to introduce and continue educating students on a variety of musical concepts through keyboard playing. Additionally, students will learn to play the keyboard through performance and written assignments. At the end of the year, students will be able to play in a number of styles and to understand a number of important musical ideas.

## Student Expectations and Responsibilities

Respect covers nearly every facet of our behavior; in Boca Ciega High Keyboard, at school in general, and in our daily personal lives.

Therefore, students are expected to:

Arrive on time and prepared with all materials.

Treat all materials kindly.

Treat all students, teachers, and volunteers kindly.

Match your behavior to the environment, not to your mood or feelings.

If you have a personal situation that will affect your performance in class, talk to Mr. Sipiora, and he will make every accommodation possible.

**Remember that *you alone* are responsible for your actions.**

Give your all, do your best, and strive for excellence.

Keyboard is considered a curricular class, being held during the school day, and therefore all students receive a grade. A student's grade will be determined by the following criteria:

- Class Production- 10 points each rehearsal
- Playing tests or quizzes-50 points each
- Class/Home Work-20 points each
- Performances- 200 points each
- Binder-15% of the quarterly grade as per school policy will be with your school binder based on the school wide binder system.

## General

- Students will observe ALL rules from the Boca Ciega High School Code of Conduct. School discipline may be involved in any infraction.
- Use of illegal drugs, tobacco, or alcohol will not be tolerated. School disciplinary action will be involved.
- Hazing of other students in any way is strictly prohibited and may result in removal from orchestra and possible school disciplinary actions.

Defacing or damage of another's personal property will not be tolerated.

## Daily Rehearsals

- Throughout rehearsals all students are expected to exhibit a positive attitude and put forth the best effort they possibly can.
- Students are in their designated spot before the start of rehearsal.
- Absolutely NO gossiping or "trash talking" other students, orchestras, activities from Boca Ciega or any other school. Respect for all is a must.
- Instruments and other equipment must be treated with respect and taken care of appropriately

- Damage to school-owned instruments, if determined to be caused by negligence, will be repaired at the expense of the student
- Personal electronic devices should not be in student possession during rehearsals, unless otherwise directed by the teacher. Leave phones, etc. in your book bags.
- **No gum during rehearsals!**
- Disorderly behavior and abusive language will not be tolerated.
- When a director or guest clinician is in front of the group, all talking must cease immediately.

## Materials

- Pencil
- Staff paper, [blanksheetmusic.net](http://blanksheetmusic.net)
- Headphones- All keyboards are electronic and will only be played without headphones when instructed by Mr. Sipiora. Each student will need to bring headphones for class and will not be able to complete class work without them.

## Communication

All rehearsals, homework assignments, practice expectations, and performances will be communicated to the students during class time. Students and parents can simply send an email to [sipioraj@pcsb.org](mailto:sipioraj@pcsb.org) if there are any questions.