Extreme Differentiated Instruction

The following handouts are a collection of materials that may prove useful for various circumstances.

Mad Minute Note Names

The worksheets are great for all music classes. There are notes on each page, and they do not contain a clef, so students may use them to practice note names in any clef. Intermediate students should try to complete the worksheet in under 2 minutes, and advanced students should be able to complete them in under 1 minute (hence the name "Mad Minute Note Names"). These worksheets may also be used for more advanced music theory, like exercises in writing various chords and intervals.

Guitar Check-offs

These check-off sheets were made for first and second year guitar students. I recommend giving second year students the Guitar 2 Check-off sheet at the beginning of the school year to help guide students with their individual learning. I often don't hand out the Guitar 1 Check-off until the second semester since many of the terms on the sheet are unfamiliar to beginners at the beginning of the year, and many basic things they should learn aren't acknowledged on the check-off sheet at all (like how to hold a guitar, tuning, etc.).

Piano Check-offs

Similarly to guitar, the beginning piano check-off is meant for beginners in the second semester since the first semester is focused on much more basic things like finger numbers, hand position, etc. The intermediate check-off is meant for piano students in their second year, but some beginners may start that check-off before the end of their first year. "Advanced Recreational" and "Advanced Performance" are intended for students in their third year or more of piano. Unlike the beginning and intermediate check-offs, which are intended to be completed by the end of the school year, the final two sheets may require more than a year to complete. They are meant to guide students in their individual progress and ensure variety in what they choose to practice. It is extremely common to see students tend towards either the classical or jazz items on the sheet, and that is okay. The check-off sheets are primarily a guide for students to help them in their own learning without needing to wait for their teacher to tell them what they should learn.

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Guitar 1 Check-off

_ GPA of 2.5 or higher
Good behavior (no referrals, and in good standing with law enforcement)
 _ Guitar Skills
Chords (at least 24)
First 16 chords 8 of your choice
Scales
3 major
2 blues
Strumming (play 4 chord or more song(s) using at least 4 different strumming pattern using both up and down strokes)
Finger picking
Chord patterns (play 4 chord or more song(s) using at least 3
different picking patterns)
Finger pick tabs or traditional notation music of at least grade 1 difficulty
Tabs
Play a song of at least grade 1 difficulty from tabs notation with at
least a "good" rating
Traditional notation
Play a song of at least grade 1 difficulty from traditional notation
difficulty with at least a "good" rating
Sight read a simple melody from traditional notation Improvisation
Improvisation Improvise for 12 measures using a blues scale in the key of your
choice
Write at least 3 verses of lyrics for 12 bar blues
Performance
Perform at least 2 solo pieces of grade 1 difficulty or higher with at
least a "good" rating
Perform at least 1 small ensemble piece of grade 1 difficulty or
higher with at least a "good" rating
Play at least 1 piece as a large ensemble of grade 1 difficulty or higher

Guitar 2 Check-off

Cho	ords			
	8 major chords	8 minor chor	ds	_ 4 dim chords
	8 Mm7 chords	8 M7 chords	<u> </u>	_8 m7 chords
Sca	les			
	4 major			
	3 minor			
	2 blues			
Fing	ger picking			
	Chord patterns (pla picking patterns)	y 6 chord or more so	ong(s) using a	t least 3 different
	Finger pick tabs or	traditional notation n	nusic of at lea	st grade 2 difficulty
Tab	s			
	Play 2 songs of at I "excellent" rating	east grade 2 difficult	y from tabs no	otation with at least an
Trac	ditional notation			
	Play 2 songs of at I least an "excellent	east grade 2 difficult " rating	y from traditio	nal notation with at
Imp	rovisation			
	··	ures over a 12 bar b	lues progress	ion
Con	nposition			
	Write lyrics for a ba	•	•	
	Compose a piece ir	n the style of your ch	oice (must be	e at least 60 seconds)
Per	formance			
	Perform at least 4 s "excellent" rating	solo pieces of grade	2 difficulty or	higher with at least an

Beginning Piano

Scales C, G, F, a, e, d, one or	ctave hands together
C a	GF ed
Chords I-IV-V-I in C, G, and F	
C	GF
Note names, treble and bass,	G2-A5
Treble	Bass
Rhythms eighth notes-whole r	notes, including dotted rhythms
Accidentals sharp, flat, natura	I
Dynamics p-f	
4/4, 3/4	
Pedal with markings	
Grade 1 piece (Recommende	d: Fur Elise [elementary version])
12 bar blues chords in C	
Sight-read in C or G position h	nands separate

Intermediate Piano

Scales two octaves hands together	
CGFDABaedccb	B
Chords I-IV-vi-V7-I, or i-iv-V7-i plus inversions	
CGFDAbgdc	g
Note names, treble and bass, all 88	
Accidentals sharp, flat, natural	
Dynamics pp-ff	
6 basic articulations	
4/4, 3/4, 2/4, 6/8	
Pedal without markings	
Grade 2 piece (Recommended: Bach, Minuet in G)	
A song in 6/8 (Recommended: Puccini, O mio babbino caro)	
12 bar blues bass line and chords in C	
Sight-read in C, G, and F positions hands together	

Advanced Recreational Piano

Scales 3 octaves hands toge	ether	
CGBBbcgblues key of choice	FDAbabblu	A E ed Chromatic es key of choice 2
Chords with inversions		
12 Major chords 12 aug chords 12 m7 chords	12 minor chords 12 Mm7 chords 12 dim7 chords	12 dim chords 12 M7 chords sus chords
All note names		
Treble	Bass	
All dynamics		
All articulations		
Meters Simple	Compound	
Styles		
Classical	Baroque	Romantic
Ragtime	Blues	Pop
Improvisation		
Comp on 3 and 4 cl	hord patterns	Improvise blues
Sight read intermediate mu	sic hands together	
Four part score reading from	m choral music	

Advanced Performance Piano

Scales 3 octav	ves hands toge	ther			
C	G	F	D	A	E
B	Bb	Ab	Db	Gb	a
e	d	c	g	b	f
bb	ab	db	gb	Chroma	atic
blues k	key of choice		blues	key of choice 2	2
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melodi	c minor key of	choice 1	melodic	minor key of o	choice 2
Chords with in	iversions				
12 Maj	jor chords	12 mino	r chords	12 dim	chords
12 aug	g chords	12 Mm7	chords	12 M7	chords
12 m7	chords	12 dim7	chords	12 half	dim7 chords
sus ch	ords	9, 11, 13	3 chords		
All note name	S				
Treble		Bass	Alto		_Tenor
All dynamics					
All articulation	s				
All meters					
Aii meters	Simple	Compo	ound	Asymmetrical	Mixed
Styles					
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Blues		Raguille Ballad	Pop		Latiii
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Score readin	g				
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