

**Donna Foerster**  
**Syllabus 2024 – 2025**  
**Advanced I - Level 4**

Texts:

- Essential Keyboard Literature, Volume 2
- Hanon – The Virtuoso Pianist

We require that all students have their own set of ear buds for use with the pianos. These can be purchased as inexpensively as \$1.25 at Dollar Tree, or in the \$5 - \$10 range at stores such as Walmart, Target, Best Buy, etc. Because these will probably need to be replaced at least once during the school year, I do not recommend expensive earbuds, such as Apple.

Major grades (40% of total score) will consist of tests and performances. Minor grades (60% of total score) will consist of tech-based assessments, performance-based assessments, written work, discussions, and professional responsibilities. Having ear buds every day is part of the professional responsibilities grade - one point is deducted for each day they are missing. The grading of the performance assessments is based on the number of mistakes - one point is deducted for each error. All Level 4 students are required to perform in the recital at the end of the year.

We follow the curriculum that Mr. Hennessy has developed, and that will be posted each week.

Grading for the class is as follows:

- Major grades = 40% (tests and performances)
- Minor grades = 60% (tech-based assessments, performance-based assessments, discussions, and professional responsibilities)