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Dear Parents of AP Students:

It is my pleasure to welcome your son or daughter into AP Music Theory at Lafayette. This year is a record year for number of students enrolled in AP Theory. I am a very strong believer in the AP Theory Curriculum. It is rigorous and students who have taken the course stand in good stead in future music study if they choose to do so. Regardless whether a student chooses to continue music study beyond high school, they are more successful in music in high school.

I want to mention the importance of taking the exam at the end of the year. The purpose of the course is to prepare students for the exam in May. We will prepare all students to take the exam and score a 3 or better (on a scale of 5 - 5 being highest.) There are two indicators of future success for students continuing to college: The first is students take a college level course while still in high school. The second is students take an AP Exam - regardless of what score they receive. I can also tell you from experience: students who are determined from the start of the course to take the exam in May almost always do better in class.

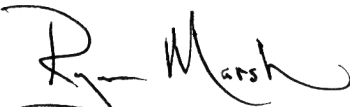
By enrollment in the AP Music Theory course at Lafayette, students signify their intention to take the AP Exam in May. Please contact Mr. Marsh ASAP with any concerns. Financial assistance is available for students who qualify.

For a course of this level of challenge, it is important that parents continue to play an active role in assisting their student. Even though your student is a senior, please continue to be involved in their academics. You can do this by frequent consultation with Mr. Marsh, grade checks, encouragement, and high expectations. We will be using Edmodo a web app that is very similar to Facebook, but for educational purposes. More information will soon follow regarding how Parents can connect through Edmodo as well.

A cornerstone of this course is the student's ability (and often requirement) to retake exams until they have reached *mastery level*. This allows for every student's success. **Teacher's Guarantee;** All students will be successful in this course if they communicate regularly with the teacher, work with persistence, and stay current with work.

Please sign and return the attached form as the first assignment. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns. ryan.marsh@fayette.kyschools.us

Sincerely,



Ryan Marsh

Student Name: _____

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AP MUSIC THEORY

This signature sheet will be collected for a grade.

Exam Commitment:

I, (student signature) _____ will commit to take the AP Music Theory Exam in May.

I (parent signature) _____ understand that exam registration is a requisite of the AP Music Theory course.

Syllabus Acknowledgement:

We have read and understood the course syllabus that outlines course expectations and content.

Parent Signature: _____

Student Signature: _____

Parent Support:

We will continue to play an active role in assisting my/our student in the course. We will consult with Mr. Marsh with concerns, check grades, and hold high expectations.

Parent Signature: _____

Date: _____

Contact information:

HOME PHONE	PHONE NO. 2
STUDENT E-MAIL	
PARENT 1 E-MAIL	
PARENT 2 E-MAIL	