What is the Musical Ladder System?

The Musical Ladder System is a test-based, goal-oriented reward system for your students. The Ladder has thirteen levels and by passing each level every 3-6 months, students earn a wristband, certificate, and sometimes a trophy.

Why does Peoria Music Academy use the Musical Ladder System?

The Musical Ladder System encourages students to practice, gives them clear goals with physical rewards for their progress, encourages more excitement and fun in music lessons, and becomes a retention tool to give parents (and students) and additional reason to continue lessons with us.

What do I give my students as a test?

Test your students on something they will pass that tests their understanding of a concept they are working on. It can be a performance, skill demonstration, memory check, etc. Tests can be as easy as identifying notes or naming guitar strings. Students should not feel as if this is a pass/fail test, but they can test as many times as needed.

Can performing in a recital count as a test?

Yes! Recitals are not mandatory for students though, so they are not required to be a test for the Musical Ladder.

How do I test my students?

Your responsibilities for Musical Ladder testing is to:
- administer each test within a student's lesson time/day, and
- update the Musical Ladder Monday.com board (instructions on the back).

Front desk staff will create certificates, distribute wristbands, and order trophies. We recommend notifying your students approximately 2-3 weeks before their test date to give them ample time to prepare. On the week of the test, give them some practice time and then conduct the test. The goal is to make it low-stress, easy, and to give them a sense of accomplishment!

What if I have students who do not want to participate?

Some students will choose not to participate or may not need the extra motivation in lessons. If this is the case, please notify the front desk. Teenage or adult students generally choose not to participate.

Using the Musical Ladder Monday.com Board

1. Access the Board and Sign Up as a Guest.

You should have received an email to join the Musical Madder Monday.com board as a Guest. Let us know if you did not receive the email or have troubles setting up your Guest account.

2. Viewing Your Students

Click on your name to expand the table to view your students.
- The Test Date column shows when their next test should be.
- Each of the Levels has their own column.
- For the example below, this student will test in July for the Apprentice level.

Look at the test date!

	Student		First Lesson	Test Date	3M Apprentice
☐	Student Name	⊕	Apr 1, 2024	Jul 1	Test on Test Date
☐	+ Add student				
				Jul 1	

3. Update the Information

- When your student passes a test, go to the appropriate level's column and select "**Passed**." The board will automatically update all other information.
- If your student is an Adult or does not want to participate in Musical Ladder, select "**Student Opt Out**".

Test on Test Date
Passed
Cert Printed
Student Opt Out

Frequently Asked Questions

I don't see myself/my students in the Monday.com Board!

Please let the office staff know and they will look into the missing information and fix it!

Do I have to let the office staff know when my student passes a test?

Nope! The board will automatically let the office staff know.

I don't understand how to use the Monday.com Board.

No problem! Let the office staff know and we'll schedule a time to walk through using the Board with you.