## Music | Grade 6 Orchestra

### ORGANIZING THEME/ TOPIC

#### UNIT 1: Fundamental Skills
This unit consists of the rehearsal and performance of fundamental skills.

**Suggested Time Frame:** Approximately Week 1-9

#### UNIT 2: Introduce New Skills
This unit consists of the rehearsal and performance of musical selections that build on previous skills.

**Suggested Time Frame:** Approximately Week 10 - 18

### FOCUS STANDARDS

#### STANDARD 1 – CREATE

(Cr.1.N) Compose and improvise melodic and rhythmic ideas or motives that reflect characteristic(s) of music or text(s) studied in rehearsal.

#### STANDARD 2 – PERFORMING

(Pr.1.N) - Select varied repertoire to study based on interest, music reading skills (where appropriate), an understanding of the structure of the music, context, and the technical skill of the individual or ensemble.

(Pr.2.N) Demonstrate, using music reading skills where appropriate, how knowledge of formal aspects in musical works inform prepared or improvise performances.

(Pr.3.N) Identify expressive qualities in a varied repertoire of music that can be demonstrated through prepared and improvised performances.

(Pr.4.N) Use self-reflection and peer feedback to refine individual and ensemble performances of a varied repertoire of music.

### FOCUS SKILLS

#### PERFORMING SKILLS

- **Ear Training**
  - Establish differences between higher and lower pitches
- **Posture**
  - Establish fundamental instrument posture

#### NOTATION

- **Note Reading**
  - Introduce basic note reading (changes in pitches)
- **Rhythm Reading**
  - Introduce basic note values

- **Team Membership**
  - Establish rest position
  - Demonstrate good rehearsal etiquette

#### CREATING SKILLS

- Improvise rhythms using open strings
- Improvise melody using D string notes
UNIT 2: Introduce New Skills (Cont.)

STANDARD 2 - PERFORM

(Pr.1.N) Select varied repertoire to study based on interest, music reading skills (where appropriate), an understanding of the structure of the music, context, and the technical skill of the individual or ensemble.

(Pr.2.N) Demonstrate, using music reading skills where appropriate, how knowledge of formal aspects in musical works inform prepared or improve performances.

(Pr.3.N) Identify expressive qualities in a varied repertoire of music that can be demonstrated through prepared and improvised performances.

(Pr.4.N) Use self-reflection and peer feedback to refine individual and ensemble performances of a varied repertoire of music.

(Pr.5.N.a) Demonstrate attention to technical accuracy and expressive qualities in prepared and improvised performances of a varied repertoire of music.

(Pr.5.N.b) Demonstrate the awareness of the context of the music through prepared and improvised performances.

STANDARD 3 - RESPONDING

(Re.1.N) Identify reasons for selecting music based on characteristics found in the music, connection to interest, and purpose or context.

(Re.2.N) Identify how knowledge of context and the use of repetition, similarities, and contrasts inform the response to music.

PERFORMING SKILLS

Right Hand Technique.
- Establish a balanced, standard bow-hand shape with curved thumb and fingers
- Demonstrate detaché, slurs,

Ear Training
- Build same/different aural discernment to establish basic finger placement
- Accurately use higher/lower descriptors

Left-hand Technique
- Establish body posture
- Establish left hand placement in relation to instrument

NOTATION

Note Reading
- Demonstrate accuracy in reading and decoding notes on the staff
- Identify the basic job of the sharp

Rhythm Reading
- Demonstrate steady pulse in performance
- Demonstrate basic subdivision
- Explore 4/4 time signatures

MUSICIANSHIP

Team Membership
- Demonstrate polite rehearsal etiquette
- Demonstrate the consistent ability to bring materials to class
- Be able to coach a peer with kindness
- Demonstrate good concert etiquette in following the instructions of the teacher

UNIT 3: Refine New Skills
This unit consists of the rehearsal and performance of

STANDARD 1 – CREATE
(Cr.2.N) Select and develop draft melodic and rhythmic

CREATING SKILLS
- Improvise using the D string notes
musical selections that build on previous skills.  
**Time Frame:** Approximately Week 19-27

**STANDARD 2 - PERFORM**

(Pr.1.N) Select varied repertoire to study based on interest, music reading skills (where appropriate), an understanding of the structure of the music, context, and the technical skill of the individual or ensemble.

(Pr.2.N) - Demonstrate, using music reading skills where appropriate, how knowledge of formal aspects in musical works inform prepared or improvise performances

(Pr.3.N) Identify expressive qualities in a varied repertoire of music that can be demonstrated through prepared and improvised performances

(Pr.4.N) Use self-reflection and peer feedback to refine individual and ensemble performances of a varied repertoire of music

(Pr.5.N.a) Demonstrate attention to technical accuracy and expressive qualities in prepared and improvised performances of a varied repertoire of music

(Pr.5.N.b) Demonstrate the awareness of the context of the music through prepared and improvised performances

**STANDARD 3 - RESPONDING**

(Re.1.N) Identify reasons for selecting music based on characteristics found in the music, connection to interest, and purpose or context.

(Re.2.N) Identify how knowledge of context and the use of repetition, similarities, and contrasts inform the response to music.

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**PERFORMING SKILLS**

**Right Hand Technique.**

- Establish a balanced, standard bow-hand shape with curved thumb and fingers
- Draw full bows parallel to the bridge
- Demonstrate detache, legato, slurs, hooked bows and accents

**Ear Training**

- Build same/different aural discernment to establish basic finger placement
- Accurately use higher/lower descriptors

**Left-hand Technique**

- Establish body posture
- Establish left hand placement in relation to instrument
- Establish relaxed left hand
- Develop basic finger independence

**NOTATION**

**Note Reading**

- Demonstrate accuracy in reading and decoding notes on the staff
- Identify the basic job of the sharp, flat, and natural symbols

**Rhythm Reading**

- Demonstrate steady pulse in performance
- Demonstrate basic subdivision
- Understand basic time signatures

**MUSICIANSHIP**

**Expression**

- Demonstrate core sound
- Demonstrate changes in loud and soft

**Blend**

- Demonstrate a core sound, both in ensemble and in section performance
### UNIT 4: Integrate New Skills

This unit consists of the rehearsal and performance of musical selections that build on previous skills.

**Time Frame:** Approximately Week 28-36

#### STANDARD 1 - CREATE

(Cr.3.N) Evaluate and refine draft compositions and improvisations based on knowledge skills and teacher provided criteria.

(Cr.4.N) Share personally developed melodic and rhythmic ideas or motives individually or as an ensemble that demonstrate an understanding of characteristic(s) of music or text(s) student in rehearsal.

#### STANDARD 2 - PERFORM

(Pr.1.N) Select varied repertoire to study based on interest, music reading skills (where appropriate), an understanding of the structure of the music, context, and the technical skill of the individual or ensemble.

(Pr.2.N) Demonstrate, using music reading skills where appropriate, how knowledge of formal aspects in musical works inform prepared or improvise performances.

(Pr.3.N) Identify expressive qualities in a varied repertoire of music that can be demonstrated through prepared and improvised performances.

#### CREATING SKILLS

- Compose 2 measure answer phrases to a 2 measure melody using notes that are not prescribed

#### PERFORMING SKILLS

**Right Hand Technique.**

- Establish a balanced, standard bow-hand shape with curved thumb and fingers
- Draw full bows parallel to the bridge
- Demonstrate detache, legato, slurs, hooked bows and accents

**Ear Training**

- Build same/different aural discernment to establish basic finger placement
- Accurately use higher/lower descriptors
(Pr.4.N) Use self-reflection and peer feedback to refine individual and ensemble performances of a varied repertoire of music

(Pr.5.N.a) Demonstrate attention to technical accuracy and expressive qualities in prepared and improvised performances of a varied repertoire of music

(Pr.5.N.b) Demonstrate the awareness of the context of the music through prepared and improvised performances

**STANDARD 3 - RESPONDING**

(Re.1.N) Identify reasons for selecting music based on characteristics found in the music, connection to interest, and purpose or context.

(Re.2.N) Identify how knowledge of context and the use of repetition, similarities, and contrasts inform the response to music.

**Left-hand Technique**
- Establish body posture
- Establish left hand placement in relation to instrument
- Establish relaxed left hand
- Develop basic finger independence

**NOTATION**

**Note Reading**
- Demonstrate accuracy in reading and decoding notes on the staff
- Identify the basic job of the sharp, flat, and natural symbols

**Rhythm Reading**
- Demonstrate steady pulse in performance
- Demonstrate basic subdivision
- Understand basic time signatures

**MUSICIANSHIP**

**Expression**
- Demonstrate core sound
- Demonstrate changes in loud and soft

**Blend**
- Demonstrate a core sound, both in ensemble and in section performance

**Balance**
- Accurate presence of parts in performance

**Team Membership**
- Demonstrate polite rehearsal etiquette
- Demonstrate the consistent ability to bring materials to class
- Be able to coach a peer with kindness
- Demonstrate good concert etiquette in following the instructions of the teacher