

BLUE VALLEY DISTRICT CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION

Music | Grade 4 Orchestra



ORGANIZING THEME/ TOPIC

FOCUS STANDARDS

FOCUS SKILLS

UNIT 1: Fundamental SkillsThis unit consists of the rehearsal and performance of fundamental skills.

Suggested Time Frame: Approximately Week 1-9

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

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

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

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.

CREATING SKILLS

• Improvise simple rhythms on open strings

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 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.

UNIT 3: Refine New Skills

PERFORMING SKILLS

Right Hand Technique.

- Establish a balanced, standard bow-hand shape with curved thumb and fingers
- Draw bow on correct string

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 symbol

Rhythm Reading

- Demonstrate steady pulse in performance
- Introduce 4/4 time signature

MUSICIANSHIP

Blend

Demonstrate a core sound, both in ensemble and in section performance

Team Membership

- Demonstrate polite rehearsal etiquette
- Demonstrate the consistent ability to bring materials to class

STANDARD 1 - CREATE

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

(Cr.2.N)Select and develop draft melodic and rhythmic ideas or motives that demonstrate understanding of characteristic(s) of music or text(s) studied in rehearsal

CREATING SKILLS

Improvise simple rhythms on open strings

preserving draft compositions and improvisations through Time Frame: Approximately Week 19-27 standard notation and audio recording. STANDARD 2 - PERFORM PERFORMING SKILLS (Pr.1.N) Select varied repertoire to study based on Right Hand Technique. interest, music reading skills (where appropriate), an understanding of the structure of the music, context, and Establish a balanced, standard bow-hand shape with the technical skill of the individual or ensemble. curved thumb and fingers Draw bow on correct string (Pr.2.N) - Demonstrate, using music reading skills where appropriate, how knowledge of formal aspects in musical Ear Training works inform prepared or improvise performances Build same/different aural discernment to establish basic finger placement (Pr.3.N) Identify expressive qualities in a varied repertoire Accurately use higher/lower descriptors of music that can be demonstrated through prepared and improvised performances Left-hand Technique (Pr.4.N) Use self-reflection and peer feedback to refine Establish body posture individual and ensemble performances of a varied Establish left hand placement in relation to instrument repertoire of music NOTATION (Pr.5.N.a) Demonstrate attention to technical accuracy and expressive qualities in prepared and improvised **Note Reading** performances of a varied repertoire of music Demonstrate accuracy in reading and decoding notes on the staff (Pr.5.N.b) Demonstrate the awareness of the context of Identify the basic job of the sharp symbol the music through prepared and improvised Rhythm Reading performances Demonstrate steady pulse in performance Introduce 4/4 time signature STANDARD 3 - RESPONDING **MUSICIANSHIP** (Re.1.N) Identify reasons for selecting music based on characteristics found in the music, connection to interest, **Team Membership** and purpose or context. Demonstrate polite rehearsal etiquette Demonstrate the consistent ability to bring materials to (Re.2.N) Identify how knowledge of context and the use of repetition, similarities, and contrasts inform the class response to music.

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

UNIT 4: Integrate New Skills (Cont.)

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

(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,

CREATING SKILLS

Improvise simple rhythms on open strings

PERFORMING SKILLS

Right Hand Technique.

- Establish a balanced, standard bow-hand shape with curved thumb and fingers
- Draw bow on correct string

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 symbol

Rhythm Reading

- Demonstrate steady pulse in performance
- Explore 4/4 time signature

MUSICIANSHIP

Demonstrate core sound

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