

West Windsor-Plainsboro Regional School District Wind Ensemble

Unit 1: Theory

Content Area: Music

Course & Grade Level: Symphonic Band, Grades 10-12

Summary and Rationale

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Music theory is the study of the building blocks of music; rhythm, melody, harmony, form. Using the vocabulary and notation involved, music theory helps students learn how to read, write, and interpret music correctly. Musicians will enhance their experience by having a deeper understanding of their role within a composition.

Recommended Pacing		
	180 days	
	New Jersey Student Learning Standards for Visual & Performing Arts	
	Creating	
CPI#	Cumulative Progress Indicator (CPI)	
1.3C.12prof.Cr1	Compose and improvise ideas for melodies, rhythmic passages, and arrangements for specific purposes that reflect characteristic(s) of music from a variety of historical periods or cultures studied in rehearsal.	
1.3C.12prof.Cr2	Select and develop draft melodies, rhythmic passages, and arrangements for specific purposes that demonstrate understanding of characteristic(s) of music from a variety of historical periods studied in rehearsal.	
1.3C.12prof.Cr3a	Evaluate and refine draft melodies, rhythmic passages, arrangements, and improvisations based on established criteria, including the extent to which they address identified purposes.	
	Performing	
CPI#	Cumulative Progress Indicator (CPI)	
1.3C.12prof.Pr4a	Explain the criteria used to select varied repertoire to study based on an understanding of theoretical and structural characteristics of the music, the technical skill of the individual or ensemble, and the purpose or context of the performance.	

1.3C.12prof.Pr4b	Demonstrate, using music reading skills (where appropriate), how compositional devices employed and theoretical and structural aspects of musical works impact and inform prepared or improvised performances.
1.3C.12prof.Pr4c	Demonstrate an understanding of context in a varied repertoire of music through prepared and improvised performances.
1.3C.12prof.Pr5	Develop strategies to address expressive challenges in a varied repertoire of music, and evaluate their success using feedback from ensemble peers and other sources to refine performances.
1.3C.12prof.Pr6a	Demonstrate attention to technical accuracy and expressive qualities in prepared and improvised performances of a varied repertoire of music representing diverse cultures, styles, and genres.
	Responding
CPI#	Cumulative Progress Indicator (CPI)
1.3C.12prof.Re7b	Explain how the analysis of passages and understanding the way the elements of music are manipulated informs the response to music.
1.3C.12prof.Re8	Explain and support interpretations of the expressive intent and meaning of musical works, citing as evidence the treatment of the elements of music, contexts, the setting of the text (when appropriate), and personal research.
1.3C.12prof.Re9	Evaluate works and performances based on personally or collaboratively developed criteria, including analysis of the structure and context.
	New Jersey Student Learning Standards for English Language Arts Companion Standards
Standard:	
CPI #	Cumulative Progress Indicator (CPI)
NJSLSA.R7	Integrate and evaluate content presented in diverse media and formats, including visually and quantitatively, as well as in words
New Je	rsey Student Learning Standards for Career Readiness, Life Literacies and Key Skills
CPI#	Cumulative Progress Indicator (CPI)
CRP2	Apply appropriate academic and technical skills
CRP4	Communicate clearly and effectively and with reason
CRP6	Demonstrate creativity and innovation
	New Jersey Student Learning Standards for Technology
CPI#	Cumulative Progress Indicator (CPI)
8.2	All students will use digital tools to access, manage, evaluate, and synthesize information in
	order to solve problems individually and collaborate and to create and communicate
	knowledge
	Interdisciplinary Standards (ELA)
NJSLSA.SL2.	Integrate and evaluate information presented in diverse media and formats, including visually, quantitatively, and orally
	Instructional Focus
Unit Enduring Und	
	ding music theory will enhance the experience of listening and performing
	its own systematic form of written vocabulary and symbols for comprehension bry involves the other core subject areas: math, science, history, and language
Unit Essential Que	

- How do you write music/start to write a song?
- Where does music come from?
- How is music theory utilized?
- How is music used in conjunction with other arts?

Objectives

When CREATING, students will know and be able to:

- Notate basic staff information (clef, key, barlines, etc.), notes, and rests appropriately on the staff
- Compose or improvise melodic and/or rhythmic exercises
- Compose or improvise melodies or rhythms for two parts
- Notate an original melody or a melody from a piece of music by ear
- Use notation software to engrave music
- Rearrange original melodies or pre-composed melodies from a piece of music
- Create criteria for evaluation
- Edit original or arranged melody for final copy

When PERFORMING, students will know and be able to

- Justify the criteria for music selection
- Perform a musical phrase with a different articulation than written.
- Perform a musical phrase in a different mode.
- Explain why a composer may have written, arranged, and/or orchestrated a piece of music
- Identify and perform the basic elements used to create a composition
- Perform technical exercises, patterns, etudes in a variety of key signatures
- Identify, read, and perform basic and complex rhythms in simple and compound meter
- Demonstrate basic elements of instrumental performance

When RESPONDING, students will know and be able to

- Discuss why a new piece of music was enjoyable or not using musical terminology and language
- Explain how a composer manipulates the elements of music to create a composition
- Use research (listening) in order to help inform various ways to interpret music
- Listen and critique musical performances, using prior musical knowledge and personal opinion for support
- Develop criteria to use in evaluation

Evidence of Learning

Assessment

Teacher Generated formative and summative assessments

Resources

Core Text:

Unit 2: Technique

Content Area: Music

Course & Grade Level: Symphonic Band, Grades 10-12

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The study of technique is the development of the physical execution in music performance. Students will learn how to create the proper posture with their bodies, hold their instruments, breathing, produce a tone characteristic of that instrument, develop fine motor skills, and perform written notation.

Recommended Pacing

180 days

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	New Jersey Student Learning Standards for Visual & Performing Arts	
	Performing	
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1.3C.12prof.Pr4a	Explain the criteria used to select varied repertoire to study based on an understanding of theoretical and structural characteristics of the music, the technical skill of the individual or ensemble, and the purpose or context of the performance.	
1.3C.12prof.Pr4b	Demonstrate, using music reading skills (where appropriate), how compositional devices employed and theoretical and structural aspects of musical works impact and inform prepared or improvised performances.	
1.3C.12prof.Pr4c	Demonstrate an understanding of context in a varied repertoire of music through prepared and improvised performances.	
1.3C.12prof.Pr5	Develop strategies to address expressive challenges in a varied repertoire of music, and evaluate their success using feedback from ensemble peers and other sources to refine performances.	

1.3C.12prof.Pr6a	Demonstrate attention to technical accuracy and expressive qualities in prepared and improvised performances of a varied repertoire of music representing diverse cultures, styles, and genres.
	Responding
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1.3C.12prof.Re8	Explain and support interpretations of the expressive intent and meaning of musical works, citing as evidence the treatment of the elements of music, contexts, the setting of the text (when appropriate), and personal research.
1.3C.12prof.Re9	Evaluate works and performances based on personally or collaboratively developed criteria, including analysis of the structure and context.
	Connecting
CPI#	Cumulative Progress Indicator (CPI)
1.3C.12prof.Cn11	Demonstrate understanding of relationships between music and the other arts, other disciplines, varied contexts, and daily life.
	New Jersey Student Learning Standards for English Language Arts Companion Standards
Standard:	
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NJSLSA.R7	Integrate and evaluate content presented in diverse media and formats, including visually and quantitatively, as well as in words
	rsey Student Learning Standards for Career Readiness, Life Literacies and Key Skills
CPI#	Cumulative Progress Indicator (CPI) Apply appropriate academic and technical skills
CRP2	
CRP4	Communicate clearly and effectively and with reason
CRP6	Demonstrate creativity and innovation
CDI #	New Jersey Student Learning Standards for Technology
CPI # 8.2	Cumulative Progress Indicator (CPI) All students will use digital tools to access, manage, evaluate, and synthesize information in order to solve problems individually and collaborate and to create and communicate knowledge
	Interdisciplinary Standards (ELA)
NJSLSA.SL2.	Integrate and evaluate information presented in diverse media and formats, including visually, quantitatively, and orally
Unit Endusing Und	Instructional Focus
 Methodica 	erstandings cal ability level of a musician and ensemble will guide in musical selection I and conscious practice will improve a musician's technique and musicianship vement of technical ability will help communicate a composer's intent
Unit Essential Que	
	effective practice strategies and methods?
What is co	now if I am performance ready? nsidered a "good" or "quality" performance?
Objectives	

When PERFORMING, students will know and be able to

- Justify the criteria for music selection
- Select repertoire that is appropriate for the performance level of the ensemble
- Perform a musical phrase with a different articulation than written.
- Perform a musical phrase in a different mode.
- Explain why a composer may have written, arranged, and/or orchestrated music the way they did
- Identify and perform the basic elements used to create a composition
- Identify areas for improvement in other students' performance
- Incorporate feedback from other students in their own performance
- Perform all relevant scales (winds & percussion) and rudiments (percussion)
- Perform technical exercises, patterns, etudes in a variety of key signatures
- Identify, read, and perform basic and complex rhythms in simple and compound meter
- Demonstrate a basic understanding of intonation
- Demonstrate knowledge of the inherent flaws of their particular instrument and how to make adjustments
- Produce a tone characteristic on their particular instrument(s)
- Demonstrate basic elements of instrumental performance
- Demonstrate proper care and maintenance for their instrument and equipment

When RESPONDING, students will know and be able to

- Perform written compositions in and out of context
- Explain how a composer manipulates the elements of music to create a composition
- Use research (listening) in order to help inform various ways to interpret music
- Develop criteria to use in evaluation

When CONNECTING, students will know and be able to

• Identify and explain extra-musical ideas to enhance the effect of the music.

Evidence of Learning

Assessment

Teacher Generated formative and summative assessments

Resources

Core Text:

Unit 3: History & Musicology

Content Area: Music

Course & Grade Level: Symphonic Band, Grades 10-12

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An understanding of the historical and cultural context within the study of music will enhance students' understanding of a composition and the composer's intent. This also helps students' connect with the music, composer, ensemble, and audience.

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	New Jersey Student Learning Standards for Visual & Performing Arts	
	Creating	
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Performing		
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1.3C.12prof.Pr4a	Explain the criteria used to select varied repertoire to study based on an understanding of theoretical and structural characteristics of the music, the technical skill of the individual or ensemble, and the purpose or context of the performance.
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1.3C.12prof.Re7a	Apply criteria to select music for specified purposes, supporting choices by citing characteristics found in the music and connections to interest, purpose, and context.
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	Connecting
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1.3C.12prof.Cn11	Demonstrate understanding of relationships between music and the other arts, other disciplines, varied contexts, and daily life.
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CRP6	Demonstrate creativity and innovation
CRPO	
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	Interdisciplinary Standards (ELA)
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	Instructional Focus
 A deeper ι 	lerstandings lect life experiences at a personal, social, cultural, and global level understanding of context can enhance the experience of music be enjoyed on its own, or in conjunction with almost any other art form and subject matter
Unit Essential Que	
	es music come from?
How is mu	sic used in conjunction with other arts?

Objectives

When CREATING, students will know and be able to:

- Notate basic staff information (clef, key, barlines, etc.), notes, and rests appropriately on the staff
- Compose or improvise melodic and/or rhythmic exercises
- Compose or improvise melodies or rhythms for two parts
- Identify collections of music that demonstrate specific characteristics
- Identify collections of music that demonstrate various historical periods

When PERFORMING, students will know and be able to

- Justify the criteria for music selection
- Select repertoire that is appropriate for a specific function

When RESPONDING, students will know and be able to

- Select a balanced program based on function of performance
- Listen to music from various time periods and be able to identify characteristic similarities and differences between them
- Discuss why a new piece of music was enjoyable or not using musical terminology and language
- Explain how a composer manipulates the elements of music to create a composition
- Explain why musical selections were chosen for a specified function
- Justify musical interpretation and its relationship to the composer's intent
- Use research (listening) in order to help inform various ways to interpret music
- Listen and critique musical performances, using prior musical knowledge and personal opinion for support
- Develop criteria to use in evaluation

When CONNECTING, students will know and be able to

• Research specific musical examples and their relationship to the rest of the world in regards to time period, cultural significance, etc.

Evidence of Learning

Assessment

Teacher Generated formative and summative assessments

Resources

Core Text:

Unit 4: Performance

Content Area: Music

Course & Grade Level: Symphonic Band, Grades 10-12

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Performance is the application of theory, technique, and musicology, synergized into the live presentation of musical works rehearsed over a period of time. Students apply their knowledge and skills in real time in front of a connecting audience.

Recommended Pacing		
180 days		
	New Jersey Student Learning Standards for Visual & Performing Arts	
Creating		
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1.3C.12prof.Cr3a	Evaluate and refine draft melodies, rhythmic passages, arrangements, and improvisations based on established criteria, including the extent to which they address identified purposes.	
1.3C.12prof.Cr3b	Share personally developed melodies, rhythmic passages, and arrangements (individually or as an ensemble) that address identified purposes.	
Performing		
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1.3C.12prof.Pr6a	Demonstrate attention to technical accuracy and expressive qualities in prepared and improvised performances of a varied repertoire of music representing diverse cultures, styles, and genres.
1.3C.12prof.Pr6b	Demonstrate an understanding of expressive intent by connecting with an audience through prepared and improvised performances.
	Responding
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	Connecting
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	Companion Standards
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CRP2	
CRP4	Communicate clearly and effectively and with reason
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CPI #	Cumulative Progress Indicator (CPI)

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Instructional Focus

Unit Enduring Understandings

- People connect to music emotionally
- Performing is a communal experience
- The preparation of a performance is directly correlated to its outcome
- Prior knowledge and experience is cumulative and will enhance musicianship

Unit Essential Questions

- Why do some people have a connection to music when others do not?
- How does past experience affect one's enjoyment of art?
- Why do I like some music but not others?
- How/why does one's taste in music change over time?
- What is considered a "good" or "quality" performance?
- How do I know if I am performance ready?

Objectives

When CREATING, students will know and be able to:

- Create criteria for evaluation
- Edit original or arranged melody for final copy
- Share personal compositions or arrangements using instruments, DAW, or any other appropriate medium

When PERFORMING, students will know and be able to

- Justify the criteria for music selection
- Select repertoire that is appropriate for a specific function
- Select repertoire that is appropriate for the performance level of the ensemble
- Perform a musical phrase with a different articulation than written.
- Perform a musical phrase in a different mode.
- Understand the role/purpose/instrumental part within a composition, and how that changes within varied repertoire
- Explain how the music conveys the composer's intent, or your own personal experience and feelings
- Identify and perform the basic elements used to create a composition
- Identify inconsistencies in other student's performance.
- Critique a musical performance using prior knowledge and be able to identify areas of quality versus areas in need of improvement
- Incorporate feedback from other students in their own performance.
- Perform all relevant scales (winds & percussion) and rudiments (percussion)
- Perform technical exercises, patterns, etudes in a variety of key signatures
- Observe and display proper rehearsal, performance, and audience etiquette
- Identify, read, and perform basic and complex rhythms in simple and compound meter
- Demonstrate a basic understanding of intonation
- Demonstrate knowledge of the inherent flaws of their particular instrument and how to make adjustments
- Produce a tone that is characteristic on their particular instrument(s)
- Students demonstrate basic elements of instrumental performance
- Students demonstrate and convey the meaning of a composition through accurate technical execution of musical notation as written by the composer
- Students demonstrate effective rehearsal/practice strategies in regards to a piece of music (notes, rhythms, pitch, dynamics, etc)

- Demonstrate proper care and maintenance for their instrument and equipment
- Perform in a concert
- Explain how a performance connected with an audience by use of personal, peer, and audience feedback

When RESPONDING, students will know and be able to

- Select a balanced program based on function of performance
- Perform written compositions in and out of context
- Discuss why a new piece of music was enjoyable or not using musical terminology and language
- Explain how a composer manipulates the elements of music to create a composition
- Explain why musical selections were chosen for a specified function.
- Justify musical interpretation and its relationship to the composer's intent
- Use research (listening) in order to help inform various ways to interpret music
- Listen and critique musical performances, using prior musical knowledge and personal opinion for support
- Evaluate personal performances, using criteria, to inform students of individual strengths and weaknesses.

When CONNECTING, students will know and be able to

- Identify and explain extra-musical ideas to enhance the effect of the music.
- Find opportunities to perform outside of the classroom

Evidence of Learning
Assessment
Teacher Generated formative and summative assessments
Resources
Core Text: