SUBJECT: Instrumental Music

GRADE LEVEL: 4th Grade (or year 1 of study)

LENGTH OF STUDY: Yearly

Materials

- Lesson Book (Level 1)
- Concert Band Literature (Grade .5 1)
- Instruments (traditional concert band instruments and violin, viola, cello, double bass)
- Reeds / ligatures / mouthpieces / bows / additional accessories
- Percussion sticks / drum pads / snare and bass drums / xylophones and bells / auxiliary percussion equipment

Unit	Pacing Guide	Unit Goals	Standards	Modifications	Assessment
Playing Position / Posture	October - June	- Develop an understanding of playing and resting position on the given instrument Understand how posture and playing position impact the ability to perform on the instrument	1.3A.5.Pr5a 1.3A.5.Pr6a 1.3C.12nov.Pr5a 1.3C.12nov.Pr6a	- Diagrams / pictures of playing and resting position - Stickers / guides for proper hand placement - Use of a mirror to visualize proper playing position and posture	- Teacher observation - Student self-assessment
Muscle development and impact on playing and sound production	October - June	- Identify what muscles are used to create clear and consistent tones - Employ proper embouchure and/or grip and hand placement - Understand the mechanics of proper diaphramatic breath control for wind instruments	1.3A.5.Pr5a 1.3A.5.Pr6a 1.3C.12nov.Pr5a 1.3C.12nov.Pr6a	- Long tone exercises - Steady/sirent buzzing and sound producing tools (i.e pneumo pro for flute players)	- Teacher observation - Student self-assessment

		- Develop proper pizzicato and bow technique for string instruments for optimal tone quality			
Tonguing/bowing and articulation	October - June	- Define articulation - Identify how to properly articulate pitches - Identify articulation markings in a musical score and their meaning - Perform properly identified articulation to a variety of rhythmic and melodic passages	1.3A.5.Pr4b 1.3A.5.Pr4e 1.3A.5.Pr5a 1.3A.5.Pr6a 1.3C.12nov.Pr4b 1.3C.12nov.Pr5a 1.3C.12nov.Pr6a	- Lesson book exercises and appendices - Etudes - Custom teacher written examples/diagrams with articulation notation	- Teacher observation - Students self-assessment - Aural assessments on using recordings - Written unit assessments in lesson book to identify articulation symbols
Aural sensitivity and pitch matching	March - June	- Examine how to actively listen when performing alone and with others - Distinguish between melodic, harmonic, and rhythmic concepts in music - Begin to identify proper temperment/tuning - Explore how to adjust instrument to play in tune	1.3A.5.Cr2b 1.3A.5.Pr5b 1.3A.5.Pr4c 1.3A.5.Pr5a 1.3C.12nov.Cr1a 1.3C.12nov.Cr2a 1.3C.12nov.Cr3b 1.3C.12nov.Pr5a 1.3D.12nov.Cr1a 1.3D.12nov.Cr3a 1.3D.12nov.Cr3b	- Singing exercises/pitch matching techniques - Electronic tuners - Recording and listening examples	- Teacher observation - Student self-assessment - Pitch matching exercises using recordings
Elements of music theory and notation	October - June	- Identify and perform pitch notation - Identify and perform rhythmic notation - Understand how to read and follow concert band literature - Identify and perform	1.3A.5.Pr4c 1.3A.5.Pr5b 1.3A.5.Pr6a 1.3C.12nov.Cr3a 1.3C.12nov.Pr4b 1.3C.12nov.Re7b 1.3D.12nov.Cr2a	- Speaking/chanting pitches prior to playing - Identify name of pitch notes - Perform pitched notes - Rhythm clapping and counting prior to playing	- Teacher observation - Student self-assessment - Rhythm chants/exercise assessments - Written music theory assessments

		proper pitches based on key signature			
Meter and Time Signature	October - June	- Identify time signature location - Interpret time signature	1.3A.5.Pr4c 1.3A.5.Pr5b 1.3A.5.Pr6a 1.3C.12nov.Cr2a 1.3C.12nov.Cr3a 1.3C.12nov.Cr3b 1.3C.12nov.Pr4b 1.3D.12nov.Cr1a	- Oral counting with rhythm syllables/numeric counting - Use of supplemental lesson book material	- Teacher observation - Performance of rhythmic examples, both spoken and on instrument - Lesson book rhythm exercises and supplemental material
Scales/Rudiments	October - June	Wind Instruments: - Perform the first 6 notes of Concert Bb scale ascending and descending. String Instruments: - Perform D major scale ascending and descending Percussion Instruments: - Perform using alternating sticking - Perform a paradiddle and flam	1.3A.5.Pr4c 1.3A.5.Pr5b 1.3A.5.Pr6a 1.3C.12nov.Cr3a 1.3C.12nov.Cr3b 1.3C.12nov.Pr4b 1.3C.12nov.Pr6a 1.3C.12nov.Cr1a 1.3D.12nov.Cr3a 1.3D.12nov.Pr4c	- Scale/rudiment sheets - Scale/rudiment weekly challenges - Fingering charts - Online rudiment tutorials	- Teacher observation - Student self-assessment - Quarterly assessments on progress
Musical expression	January - June	- Define musical expression - Identify and perform dynamics - Identify how dynamics are notated - Understand the role dynamics play in musical expression	1.3A.5.Pr4c 1.3A.5.Pr5b 1.3A.5.Pr6a 1.3A.5.Re9a 1.3C.12nov.Pr4b 1.3C.12nov.Pr4c 1.3C.12nov.Pr5a 1.3C.12nov.Re7a 1.3C.12nov.Re7b 1.3C.12nov.Re8a 1.3B.12prof.Cr1a	- Teacher modeling - Charts identifying symbols and their meaning - Enforcement of dynamic markings in lesson book - Supplemental lesson book material	- Teacher observation - Student self-assessment

Composition and form	October - June	- Define form - Identify form in lesson books and band literature - Understand how considering a piece's form can contribute to its successful performance	1.3A.5.Pr4c 1.3A.5.Pr5b 1.3A.5.Pr6a 1.3A.5.Re7b 1.3C.12nov.Cr1a 1.3C.12nov.Cr2a 1.3C.12nov.Pr4a 1.3C.12nov.Pr4b 1.3D.12nov.Re9a 1.3B.12nov.Pr4a	- Habitual analysis of form in all music being played - Audio examples that contrast form making it easier distinguishable - Creation of a piece of music with a specific form (ABA, ABACABA)	- Call and response activities - Student performance and analysis of literature utilizing a given form
Historical and cultural influences on music	December - June	- Identify the connection between the time period/location where music is composed to its performance - Evaluate why commonly used music symbols and foreign words appear in music notation	1.3A.5.Re7a 1.3A.5.Re8a 1.3C.12nov.Pr4c 1.3C.12nov.Cn10a 1.3C.12nov.Cn11a 1.3B.12nov.Pr4c	- Discussion and analysis of historical and cultural connections to the music being played - Study various styles of diverse music - Cross-curricular connection with social studies/language arts	- Classroom discussion with question and answer activities - Analysis of music being performed
Care and maintenance of instruments	October - June	- Prepare instruments for use - Perform proper basic maintenance, cleaning, and storing of instruments	1.2C.12nov.Pr51 1.3C.12nov.Pr5a 1.3C.12nov.Cn10a	- Lesson book description of instrument parts and proper care - Teacher handout outlining tips for care and maintenance - Supplemental video tutorials	- Teacher observation - Student self-assessment
Organization / personal responsibility	October - June	- Describe a good practice routine for instrumental study - identify the importance of daily practice - Identify one's role in the band during full and small group rehearsals	1.3C.12nov.Pr5a 1.3D.12nov.Pr5a 1.3D.12nov.Cr3a	- Practice time sheets and lesson logs - Goal setting activities - Video and recorded examples of rehearsals	- Teacher observation - Student self-assessment - Full band rehearsal/small group performances

Rehearsals and October - June performances	- Examine the purpose and function of full band rehearsals and performances - Identify the role and purpose of a conductor Perform based on cues and patterns from a conductor - Examine the importance of performing a diverse repertoire	1.3C.12nov.Pr4a 1.3C.12nov.Pr4b 1.3C.12nov.Pr4c 1.3C.12nov.Pr5a 1.3C.12nov.Re7a 1.3C.12nov.Re8a 1.3C.12nov.Re9a	- Teacher demonstration of conducting patterns -Charts/diagrams of conducting patterns - Video examples - Listening and self-assessment of various styles of music	- Teacher observation - Performance of music examples in varying meters
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	Accommodations and Modifications
Special Education	 Follow 504/IEP accommodations Create visual word wall with labels Highlight and define important vocabulary Ask yes/no questions Provide music with labeling/custom notes
English Language Learners	 Create visual word wall with labels Highlight and define important vocabulary Ask yes/no questions Provide music with labeling/custom notes
Students At-Risk of School Failure	 Use audio materials when necessary Restate, reword, clarify directions Provide educational breaks as necessary Chunking content into digestible pieces Shorten assignments to focus on mastery concept Assessment modification based on individual needs Mnemonic devices
Gifted and Talented	 Student Choice Teacher guided acceleration through lesson book Supplemental and developmentally appropriate music
Students with 504 Plans	Use audio materials when necessary

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Assessments		
Formative	 Lesson quick checks Playing/recording checks Teacher observation 	
Summative	 End of unit common assessment Performance and Concert Evaluations 	
Benchmark	Performance challenges	
Alternative	 Performance tasks Projects Recordings 	

Interdisciplinary Connections

- Connection to Mathematics time signature, note duration, beat, rhythm, timing
 Connections to Science sound production, quality of sound, tuning and frequency
 Connections to Social Studies background of music, language/musical vernacular, styles of music being performed
 Connections to Language Arts structures of music and composition
 Connections to Physical Education breath control, muscle endurance, fine motor skill development