

Course Title: General Music

Grade level: 7

DESCRIPTION OF COURSE

Students in seventh grade general music will review concepts studied in previous grades. They will create and perform music through singing, instrument playing, and composing. Students will listen to and analyze examples using the basic elements of music. To complete a composition project students will focus on three elements of music; rhythm, melody and harmony. Special attention will be given to several composers of the Western music tradition, and specifically study music of the Middle Ages and Renaissance.

REQUIRED TOPICS OF STUDY

SUGGESTED INSTRUCTIONAL TIME

STANDARDS/ ASSESSMENT ANCHORS

Content: Students will study melody, rhythm, harmony, texture, tone color, form, and expression.

Instructional Time: Seventh grade general music classes will meet for one class period in a given five day cycle with report card evaluations given at the end of each semester.

RESOURCES

Music Connection 7th Grade Series, Silver Burdett Ginn 1995; Music Connection 8th Grade series, Silver Burdett Ginn © 1995; Worksheets on Rhythm; Project worksheet on Composition; Worksheets on Music of the Middle Ages, and Music of the Renaissance; Video: "Music of the Middle Ages", Wynton Marsallas "Why Toes Tap", "Fiddler on the Roof" (1971), selected cartoon videos; Selected listening cd's and records; Classroom rhythm instruments.