YEAR AT A GLANCE: Performance Ensembles - MIDDLE SCHOOL General Music - GRADE 8 (updated Dec 2022)

	UNIT 1	UNIT 2	UNIT 3	UNIT 4
Title	Digital Music and Film	Guitar	Keyboards	Drumming
Unit Length	5	5	5	5
Performance Task	 Create music for a movie trailer Screening of trailer for class. 	 Learn chords and I, vi, IV, V7 progression. Perform pop song of their choice for the class in pairs. 	 Learn basic piano skills. Use keyboards to compose original advertisement/jingle/com mercial. 	 Will Schmid "World Drumming" curriculum. Application of WS curriculum to pop music.
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Essential Questions

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- Does the exposure to the art, music and dance have an affect on our unique world-view or perception?
- How does one cultivate and realize their potential to express themselves through music?
- How does participation in a performing ensemble prepare you for life outside of school?
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