

**YEAR AT A GLANCE: Performance Ensembles - MIDDLE SCHOOL ORCHESTRA Grades 6-8**

	<u><b>UNIT 1</b></u>	<u><b>UNIT 2</b></u>
<b>Title</b>	<p>First Semester &amp; Winter Concert</p> <p>Unit includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● String instrument performance technique, beginner through NYSSMA levels 1-2</li> <li>● Large group, small group, and individual instrumental/performance instruction</li> <li>● Music theory, introductory level</li> <li>● Historical &amp; cultural connections</li> <li>● Home practice regiment</li> </ul>	<p>Second Semester &amp; Spring Concert</p> <p>Unit includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● String instrument performance technique, beginner through NYSSMA levels 1-2</li> <li>● Large group, small group, and individual instrumental/performance instruction</li> <li>● Music theory, introductory level</li> <li>● Historical &amp; cultural connections</li> <li>● Home practice regiment</li> </ul>
<b>Unit Length</b>	20 Weeks	20 Weeks
<b>Performance Task</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Public performance of practiced repertoire (winter concert)</li> <li>● Any other additional performances</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Public performance of practiced repertoire (spring concert)</li> <li>● Any other additional performances</li> </ul>
<b>Enduring Understanding</b>	<p><b>2014 National Music Standards</b> <b>Creating, Performing, Responding, Connecting</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 1.1 The creative ideas, concepts, and feelings that influence musicians' work emerge from a variety of sources.</li> <li>● 2.1 Musicians' creative choices are influenced by their expertise, context, and expressive intent.</li> <li>● 3.1 Musicians evaluate and refine their work through openness to new ideas, persistence, and the application of appropriate criteria.</li> <li>● 3.2 Musicians' presentation of creative work is the culmination of a process of creation and</li> </ul>	<p><b>2014 National Music Standards</b> <b>Creating, Performing, Responding, Connecting</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 1.1 The creative ideas, concepts, and feelings that influence musicians' work emerge from a variety of sources.</li> <li>● 2.1 Musicians' creative choices are influenced by their expertise, context, and expressive intent.</li> <li>● 3.1 Musicians evaluate and refine their work through openness to new ideas, persistence, and the application of appropriate criteria.</li> <li>● 3.2 Musicians' presentation of creative work is the culmination of a process of creation and</li> </ul>

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- 4.3 Performers make interpretive decisions based on their understanding of context and expressive intent.
- 5.1 To express their musical ideas, musicians analyze, evaluate, and refine their performance over time through openness to new ideas, persistence, and the application of appropriate criteria.
- 6.1 Musicians judge expression and technique in prepared performances by using criteria that vary across time, place, and culture. The context and how a work is presented influence the audience response
- 7.1 Individuals' selection of musical works is influenced by their interests, experiences, understandings, and purposes.
- 7.2 Response to music is informed by analyzing context (social, cultural, and historical) and how creators and performers manipulate the elements of music.
- 8.1 Through their use of elements and structures of music, creators and performers provide clues to their expressive intent.
- 9.1 The personal evaluation of musical work(s) and performance(s) is informed by analysis, interpretation, and established criteria.
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