Kingsway Regional School District



Course Name: Introduction to Band		
Prerequisite(s): N/A	Grade Level(s): 7	
Department: Visual and Performing Arts	Credits: N/A	
BOE Adoption Date: September 2022	Revision Dates: N/A	

Course Description and Outcomes

Introduction to Band is a year-long course designed for students in 7th grade with no prior experience in band who are interested in playing a band instrument (woodwind, brass, percussion) for the first time. The course will include students selecting their instruments, learning of fundamental musical skills through group and individual study, and in combination with students in the Band 7 course, perform in the March and June concerts. Intro to Band is designed to transition students who did not participate in band in elementary school into the 8th grade Band and/or Jazz Ensemble courses, which lead to the high school band program. The course begins with an instrument selection process which includes the purchasing/renting of instruments by the family if needed. Following this, foundational instruction will be provided on the individual and small group levels. Topics include all necessary skills required to play an instrument, such as setup/maintenance, tone production, intonation, flexibility, articulation, dynamics, range, and endurance. Musical repertoire will be introduced at a gradually accelerating pace and will supplement the foundations of beginning instrumental performance while simultaneously supplying students with large and small group musical engagement.

Course Sequence & Pacing

Course Title: Introduction to Band

Unit Title	Suggested Pacing (weeks)	Unit Focus & Performance Expectations (i.e. related state/program standards - NJSLS-SS, AP, ELL, etc.)
Unit 1: Instrumental Technique	Ongoing Throughout School Year (September-June)	NJSLS VPA. • 1.3A.8.Cr3a • 1.3.C.12nov.Cr1a • 1.3C.12nov.Pr4a
Unit 2: Music Theory	Ongoing Throughout School Year (September-June)	NJSLS VPA. • 1.3B.12prof.Cr1a • 1.3B.12prof.Cr3a • 1.3B.12prof.Re9a
Unit 3: The Beginning	10-12 weeks (September-December)	NJSLS VPA. • 1.3A.8.Cr3a • 1.3A.8.Pr4a
Unit 4: Group Performance and Preparation for the Spring Concert	10-12 weeks (January-March)	NJSLS VPA. • 1.3A.8.Pr4c • 1.3A.8.P6d • 1.3A.8.Pr6a • 1.3C.12nov.Pr4a • 1.3C.12nov.Pr5a • 1.3C.12nov.Pr6a • 1.3C.12nov.Cn10a
Unit 5: Group Performance and Preparation for the End of the Year Concert	10-12 Weeks (March-June)	NJSLS VPA. • 1.3A.8.Pr4c • 1.3A.8.Pr6a • 1.3A.8.Pr6b • 1.3C.12nov.Pr4a • 1.3C.12nov.Pr5a • 1.3C.12nov.Pr6a • 1.3C.12nov.Cn10a

Unit Title: Instrumental Technique	Section:	Pacing: Ongoing Throughout School Year
		(September-June)

Unit Description: This unit covers all grounds of instrumental technique. Throughout the course, students will engage in strengthening their understanding and application of technique concepts on a daily basis. The 7 fundamentals of music as well as the 6 basic instrumental skills will be explored and utilized daily. Students will engage in these concepts through individual/group performance and discussions.

To ensure the needs of all learners (including, but not limited to, special education, 504, ELL, & advanced learners) are met when delivering instruction and when assessing students, please refer to the District approved <u>Instructional & Assessment Supports: Accommodations/Modifications Reference Sheet</u>. These must be used in the planning and delivery of instruction.

Core Idea/Enduring Understanding	NJSLS-SS Performance Expectation(s)/Learning	Learning Objectives(s)
	Goals	(Use DOK language that designates a variety of rigor at increasing levels)
Most, if not all, concepts of instrumental performance can be grouped into one of the six instrumental skills. These skills are then layered on top of the seven musical skills to create instrumental music. By working on all these skills daily, students can be prepared for any musical challenges that appear. These are the same set of fundamentals that exist from beginners to professionals. Basic universal patterns can be applied to learning specific material. Music learning is more effective when a pattern of fundamentals is clearly established, rather than learning everything for the first time with a new piece.	 1.3A.8.Cr3a: Evaluate, refine and explain their own work by selecting and applying criteria including appropriate application of elements of music, compositional techniques, style and form, and use of sound sources. 1.3.C.12nov.Cr1a: Compose and improvise ideas and motives for melodies and rhythmic passages based on characteristic(s) of music or text(s) studied in rehearsal 1.3C.12nov.Pr4a: Select varied repertoire to study based on interest, music reading skills (where appropriate), an understanding of the structure of the music, context, and the technical skill of the individual or ensemble. 	Students will engage in daily exercises to enhance the six instrumental skills: Sound Attack Articulation Flexibility Range Endurance Students will apply the above concepts to exercises containing the seven musical fundamentals daily (below) Long vs short Loud vs soft Quality of sound Intonation Rhythm Ensemble Musical Line/Phrasing

Common Secondary Assessments Common Primary Assessments	
Scale/Chord Studies Quiz	Scales Test
Longtone Assessments	Chord Test
 Flexibility/rudiment assessments 	 Scale/Chord Studies Test
Range/endurance assessments	Etude Tests

Interdisciplinary Connections for this Unit: CORE AREA CONNECTIONS	
NGSS Science Practices	
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☐Holocaust Law: N.J.S.A. 18A:35-28	
☐LGBT and Disabilities Law: N.J.S.A. 18A:35-4.35	☐ Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders: P.L.2021, c.416
	□Other:
Career Ready Practices: Note applicable CRPs used within the unit.	
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21st Century Themes & Skills:	
☐ Global awareness ☐ Financial, economic, business, and entrepreneurial literacy ☐ Civic literacy ☐ Health literacy X Information, media, and technology skills	 X Learning and innovation skills (creativity & innovation, critical thinking & problem solving, & communication & collaboration) X Life and career skills (flexibility & adaptability, initiative & self-direction, social & cross-cultural skills, productivity & accountability, & leadership & responsibility)
Course/Unit Resources (including technology-based resources):	
 Digital platforms YouTube, Spotify Schoology Sight Reading Factory MusicTheory.net Concert Repertoire Instruments Staff paper Notebook paper Teacher constructed exercises and examples Various recorded musical examples 	

Unit Title: Music Theory	Section:	Pacing: Ongoing Throughout School Year
		(September-June)

Unit Description: This Unit is intended to introduce students to the basic elements of music theory. Throughout this unit, students will be introduced to the concepts of music theory as it relates to this course, pitch notation, meter and rhythm, note duration and recognition, dynamics, tempo and vocabulary. Students will demonstrate their understanding of these musical concepts through writing musical documents and critiquing the work or others.

Core Idea/Enduring Understanding	NJSLS-SS Performance Expectation(s)/Learning Goals	Learning Objectives(s) (Use DOK language that designates a variety of rigor at increasing levels)
The process of creating music is a highly personal one, but does reflect the culture and historical background of the artist. A common vocabulary allows artists of varied cultures and backgrounds to gain insight, understanding and appreciation of each other's works. The process of creating music is neither haphazard nor random. The way the elements of rhythm, melody, and harmony are used by each artist results in an aesthetically pleasing, but unique composition. This taken with the cultural and historical background of the artist, accounts for the wide diversity of styles of music. Individuals' selection of musical works is influenced by their interests, experiences, understandings, and purposes.	 1.3C.12nov.Cr2a: Select and develop draft melodic and rhythmic ideas or motives that demonstrate understanding of characteristic(s) of music or text(s) studied in rehearsal. 1.3B.12prof.Cr1a: Describe how sounds and short musical ideas can be used to represent personal experiences, moods, visual images, and/or storylines. 1.3B.12prof.Cr3a: Identify, describe and apply teacher-provided criteria to assess and refine the technical and expressive aspects of evolving drafts leading to final versions. 1.3B.12prof.Re9a: Describe the effectiveness of the technical and expressive aspects of selected music and performances, demonstrating an understanding of the fundamentals of music theory. 	 Students will identify musical symbols. Students will identify pitches on the staff. Students will distinguish between different types of notes (lines and spaces) Students will demonstrate how to write notes on a staff. Students will label the lines and spaces on their respective staff and clef. Students will be able to analyze musical rhythms.

Common Secondary Assessments	Common Primary Assessments
Pitch QuizzesRhythm Quizzes	Written Theory Exam

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Unit Title: The Beginning	Sections:	Pacing: 10-12 Weeks (September-
	3.1 Selecting An Instrument	December)
	3.2 Instrumental Setup/Maintenance	
	3.3 Embouchure/Stick Grip and Fundamental Technique	

Unit Description: This unit covers the beginning three months on the instrument, in which progress is most essential. Students will be introduced to their instruments, select their instrument choice, purchase/rent if necessary, and understand basic setup/maintenance. This unit will take basic instrumental techniques and music theory, and combine them to the instrument for instrumental performance.

Core Idea/Enduring Understanding	NJSLS-SS Performance Expectation(s)/Learning Goals	Learning Objectives(s) (Use DOK language that designates a variety of rigor at increasing levels)
3.1 Selecting An Instrument 3.2 Instrumental Setup/Maintenance	 1.3A.8.Cr3a: Evaluate, refine and explain their own work by selecting and applying criteria including appropriate application of elements of music, compositional techniques, style and form, and use of sound sources. 1.3A.8.Pr4a: Apply collaboratively and personally developed criteria for selecting music of contrasting styles for performance and explain expressive qualities, technical challenges and reasons for choices. 	 Students will spend time listening to and watching performances on a variety of different instruments available to them Students will discuss the instrument families and their roles in the ensemble, as well as modern applications of the instruments Students will select their instrument of choice and purchase/rent it with their family if it is not an instrument supplied by the school Students will learn a system of guidelines to
3.3 Embouchure/Stick Grip and Fundamental Technique	chancinges and reasons for enoices.	 Students will learn a system of guidentes to properly care for and maintain their instrument. Students will learn the proper setup and breakdown processes for their instrument. Students will learn any details regarding regular maintenance of their instrument (reed changes, valve oil, stick health) In individual/small group settings, students will be instructed on how to produce a tone on their
		 specific instrument Through successful repetition, students will establish proper playing habits relevant to their specific instrument.

Common Secondary Assessments	Common Primary Assessments
Set Up/Breakdown Quiz	Choosing An Instrument

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Unit Title: Group Performance and Preparation for	Section:	Pacing: 10-12 Weeks (January-March)
the Spring Concert		

Unit Description: This Unit allows each student to progress as a musician and achieve musical independence at a high level. Students build upon previously learned musical concepts and knowledge regarding note reading, pitch, melody, dynamics, articulation, performance, tone production, and rehearsal/performance procedures. Music of varied styles will be studied and performed.

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Common Secondary Assessments	Common Primary Assessments
Playing Quizzes (Schoology/In Person)	Playing Tests (Schoology/In Person)

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