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Music

Unit 1 **Course: Piano** **Grade: 7/8**

Unit Essential Question(s)
- How do you read musical notation as it relates to playing the piano?

Keystone Eligible Content/PA Core Standard
- 9.1.8.A

Pacing:
- 2

Tier 3 Vocabulary:
- hand position
- treble clef
- bass clef
- note value
- time signatures
- staff
- key signature

Know:
The basic music reading skills and hand positions needed to play the keyboard

Understand:
- Students will acquire the basic skills required to play the keyboard
- Students will understand how the vocabulary terms relate to playing the keyboard

Learning Outcome:

- Students will be able to identify musical notation as it relates to playing the piano

Competencies:

- Students will be able to play C, D, E, F, and G with the right hand and C, B, A, G, F with the left hand

Unit assessments:

- Teacher observation

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Unit 2: **Course: Piano** **Grade: 7/8**

Unit Essential Question(s)
- How do you play songs using middle C and low C hand positions?

Keystone Eligible Content/Common Core Standard
- 9.1.8.A
- 9.1.8.B
- 9.1.8.C

Pacing:
- 14

Tier 3 Vocabulary:
- hand position
- treble clef
- bass clef
- note value
- time signatures
- staff, phrase
- tie
- staccato
- key signature
- crescendo
- C major scale
- chromatic scale
- accent

- dynamics
- ledger lines
- major scales (C, G, F, B),
- contrary motion

Know:

- How to use music reading skills to play songs in middle C and lower C position

Understand:

- Students will use music reading skills to play songs in middle C and lower C position

Learning Outcome:

- Students will be able to perform songs using correct hand position, finger positions, pitches and rhythms and keeping a steady tempo.

Competencies:

- Students will be able to play songs and scales in the key of C, G and F

Unit Assessments:

- Progress Pages #1 - #9
- Benchmark songs as needed

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Unit 3: **Course: Piano** **Grade: 7/8**

Unit Essential Question(s)
- How do you build and play major and minor chords?

Keystone Eligible Content/Common Core Standard:
- 9.1.8.A
- 9.1.8.B
- 9.1.8.C

Pacing:
- 40

Tier 3 Vocabulary:
- Major and minor chords
- inversions
- Jamcards

Know:
- The basic music reading skills and hand positions needed to play the keyboard

Understand:
- Students will be able to build, identify and play major and minor chords. Pianists use inversions of chords to move among them more smoothly and musically.

Learning Outcome:

- Students will use root position and inverted chords in order to perform easy pop songs.
- Video support.
- Students will be able to use major and minor chords to play chord progressions and accompany a right hand melody.

Unit assessments:

- Students will play songs using correct tempo, notes and chords. Worksheets