Lehighton Area School District
Curriculum Framework

Course Title:	History & Appreciation of Musical Theater
Content Area:	Music
Grade Level(s):	9th-12th
Course Overview:	The intent of this course is to provide a worthwhile musical experience for students, regardless of individu Identify and understand musical elements and how they relate to musical theater. Identify key elements of theater, musical theater, broadway, and show business from an artistic and vocal Analyze and evaluate various musical theater performances throughout history. Reflect on the importance of human expression through musical theater.
PA Core Standards:	9.1.8 A,B,C,D 9..2.8 A,B,C,D,E,F,J,K 9.4.8 B,C,D
Key Course Text and Materials:	Worksheets Canva Presentations Soundtrap Education Subscription Noteflight Learn Subscription Youtube videos Quizziz Flashcards and Review Games Streaming platforms to watch musical productions (Disney+ and Amazon Prime) Online music theater resources
Key Assessments/Projects:	Student demonstration Graded work assignments Vocabulary Quiz Unit projects

Big Idea/Unit: Gilbert & Sullivan
Pacing: 3 Weeks

Standards	Objective/Skill	Vocabulary	Additional Resources	Assessment/Project
9.1.8 A,B,C,D	What are the differences and similarities between musical theater, opera, and operetta? What was the significance of Gilbert and Sullivan's contributions to American musical theater? Why are Gilbert and Sullivan's shows still popular today and what adaptations have been made to modern performances?	Musical Theater Opera Operetta Aria Composer Overture Maestro Choreography Libretto Repertoire Dramaturgy Ensemble Stagecraft Casting Audition	Worksheets Canva Presentations Soundtrap Education Subscription Noteflight Learn Subscription Youtube videos Quizziz Flashcards and Review Games Streaming platforms to watch musical productions (Disney+ and Amazon Prime) Online music theater resources	Student demonstration Graded work assignments Vocabulary Quiz Unit projects

Big Idea/Unit: The Jazz Age & The Golden Age of Musical Theater
Pacing: 4 Weeks

Standards	Objective/Skill	Vocabulary	Additional Resources	Assessment/Project
9.1.8 A,B,C,D 9..2.8 A,B,C,D,E, 9.4.8 B,C,D	What is the Golden Era of musical theater and what is the significance of the book musical to this time? What impacts did the Harlem Renaissance have on musical theater during the 1920s? What are the differences between follies, minstrelsy, vaudeville, and ballet? What important impact did the show "Oklahoma!" have on the Golden Era of musical theater?	Book Musical Golden Age of Musical Theater Broadway Harlem Renaissance Follies Minstrelsy Playbill Vaudeville Ballet "Oklahoma!" Monologue Pantomime Theater Games Director Stage Manager	Worksheets Canva Presentations Soundtrap Education Subscription Noteflight Learn Subscription Youtube videos Quizziz Flashcards and Review Games Streaming platforms to watch musical productions (Disney+ and Amazon Prime) Online music theater resources	Student demonstration Graded work assignments Vocabulary Quiz Unit projects

Big Idea/Unit: Post-Golden Age & Pre-Contemporary Period
Pacing: 4 Weeks

Standards	Objective/Skill	Vocabulary	Additional Resources	Assessment/Project

		Post-Golden Age Concept Musical Pre-Contemporary Off-Broadway Bob Fosse Blocking Tony Awards Curtain of Light Revue Musical “Fiddle On The Roof” “The Wiz” Downstage Upstage Stage Left Stage Right	Worksheets Canva Presentations Soundtrap Education Subscription Noteflight Learn Subscription Youtube videos Quizziz Flashcards and Review Games Streaming platforms to watch musical productions (Disney+ and Amazon Prime) Online music theater resources	
	What important cultural events occurred during the 1960s and 1970s that directly impacted musical theater? What is a concept musical and in what ways was it utlized during the Post-Golden age? How did the contributions of Bob Fosse dramatically effect choreography on Broadway? What cultural significance did shows like“Fiddle On The Roof” and “The Wiz” have on musical theater?			
9.1.8 A,B,C,D 9.1.8 A,B,C,D,E,I 9.4.8 B,D				Student demonstration Graded work assignments Vocabulary Quiz Unit projects

Big Idea/Unit:	Pre-Contemporary Period & Mega Musicals			
Pacing:	3 Weeks			
Standards	**Objective/Skill**	**Vocabulary**	**Additional Resources**	**Assessment/Project**
		Mega Musical Rock Operas Sung-Through Musicals Andrew Lloyd Webber “Les Miserable” “The Phantom of the Opera” Call Back Costumes Disney Musicals “The Lion King” Ghost Light Break a Leg Puppetry	Worksheets Canva Presentations Soundtrap Education Subscription Noteflight Learn Subscription Youtube videos Quizziz Flashcards and Review Games Streaming platforms to watch musical productions (Disney+ and Amazon Prime) Online music theater resources	
	What cultural significance did the arrival of the Mega Musical have to the musical theater world? What is the connection between sung-through musicals and older styles of musical theater? What impact did the rise of Disney Musicals have on Broadway? What are theater superstitions and how do they effect how theaters are run? What is the significance of costuming and prop design for Mega-Musicals and Disney Musicals?			
9.1.8 A,B,C,D 9..2.8 A,B,C,D,E,				Student demonstration Graded work assignments Vocabulary Quiz Unit projects

Big Idea/Unit:	Contemporary Period			
Pacing:	3 Weeks			
Standards	**Objective/Skill**	**Vocabulary**	**Additional Resources**	**Assessment/Project**

		Song Cycles Jukebox Musicals “Hamilton” “Dear Evan Hansen” Lin Manuel Miranda “Wicked”	Worksheets	
	What kinds of modern musical advances have been integrated into contemporary musical theater? The Jukebox musical relates to what other types of musical theater from earlier times? What types of career pathways are available both on and off-broadway? How has social media and digital marketing effect the popularization	Stephen Schwartz Through-Composed Method Acting Creative Team Production Team House Orchestra	Canva Presentations Soundtrap Education Subscription Noteflight Learn Subscription Youtube videos Quizziz Flashcards and Review Games Streaming platforms to watch musical productions (Disney+ and Amazon Prime)	Student demonstration Graded work assignments Vocabulary Quiz
9.1.8 A,B,C,D 9..2.8 A,B,C,D,E,	of contemporary musicals?	Halo Microphone Digital Marketing Manager	Online music theater resources	Unit projects & Final Project