

Advanced Bands - Middle School

Course Description/Goals:

This course is designed for students with a foundation of instrument skills through specific instrument-based class of beginner band. It is a course that builds on the foundational skills learned in beginning band. Students will be placed into one of three skill-based ensembles in middle school. These ensembles will comprise multiple instruments in an ensemble setting. The course focuses on expanding technical ability, tone quality, sight-reading skills, music theory knowledge, and ensemble performance techniques. Students will perform a variety of repertoire from diverse genres. At the teacher's discretion, the course will utilize approved district technology resources, such as Ningenius, Flat, Sightreading Factory, Make Music Cloud, ReadyMade Music, and Tone Savvy. The course will also emphasize teamwork, responsibility, and perseverance, helping students develop both musical and personal skills.

Course TEKS/Objectives:

The Texas TEKS (Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills) for Music (grade 6-8) is organized into learning and performance categories, each focusing on a specific area of music. These categories include: Aesthetic Response, Creative Expression, Performance, Music Theory and Analysis, Music Composition, Music Literacy, Music History, and Ensemble skills.

<https://tea.texas.gov/sites/default/files/ch117b.pdf>

Course Outline:

Semester 1	Semester 2
-posture and embouchure -technique and scales -intermediate sound production -dynamic, marking and articulations -listening skills -ensemble playing of self -role understanding within the ensemble -instrument maintenance and care	-technique and scales -advanced notations -musicianship -advanced analysis of sound -listen and respond to ensemble cues -collaborate in a performing group -music literacy -modelling within a group -single-part playing within other parts

-performance preparation	-explore diverse musical genres
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