

Beginning Band - Middle School

Course Description/Goals:

This course is designed for students with little to no prior instrumental music experience. Students will be introduced to playing an instrument in an instrument-specific class and will develop a foundational understanding of music. Students will learn fundamental skills such as tone production, rhythm, technique, music theory, and ensemble playing. 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
-introduction of the instrument -develop correct posture and embouchure -instrument maintenance and proper care -basic sound production -basic notes and rhythm -reading basic notation -model alone -reading keys and symbols -basic listening skills	-introduction of scales -introduction of dynamic, marking and articulations -development of musicianship -listen and respond to ensemble cues -collaborate in a performing group -understanding the role of other instruments in the ensemble -music literacy -model within a group -introduction of single-part playing within other parts

-demonstrate knowledge of simple songs -introduction of ensemble playing	-explore diverse musical genres
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