COURSE: Elementary General Music	GRADE(S): Four
UNIT: Singing	

## #1 Singing alone and with other a varied rep0ertoire of music

Students sing independently, on pitch and rhythm, with appropriate tone color, diction, and posture, and maintain a steady tempo.

Students sing expressively, with appropriate dynamics, phrasing, and interpretation.

Students sing from memory a varied repertoire of songs, representing genres and styles from diverse cultures.

Students sing ostinatos, partner songs and rounds.

Students sing in groups, blending vocal tone color, matching dynamic levels and responding to the cues of a conductor.

## #3 Improvising melodies, variations, and accompaniments

Students improvise "answers" in same style to given rhythmic and melodic phrases.

Students improvise simple rhythmic and melodic ostinato accompaniments.

Students improvise simple rhythmic variations and simple melodic embellishments on familiar melodies.

### #4 Composing and arranging music within specified guidelines

Students create and arrange music to accompany readings or dramatizations.

Students create and arrange short songs and instrumental pieces within specified guidelines.

Students use a variety of sound sources when composing.

STATE STANDARDS:	UNIT OBJECTIVES:
#9.1.5 Production, Performance and Exhibition of Music	Students will be able to
Sing	
Read music	<ul> <li>develop independent and proper vocal techniques, methods and concepts.</li> <li>sing with sensitivity to blend (choral sound).</li> <li>develop confidence in solo singing.</li> <li>sing in harmony</li> <li>identify various singing ranges (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass)</li> </ul>

#### SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES:

Match pitches (echo sing/call & response)
Sing Solfeggio/Kodaly and pentatonic scale

Expand vocal range

Develop head voice with purity of sound through various exercises

Sing in various tempi

Identify high and low voices

Expand expressive control of the voice

Sing with appropriate tone quality, posture, diction,

breathing, and dynamics

Experience group and solo singing

Sing songs from diverse cultures

Sing ostinatos/counter-melodies/two-

part/rounds/cannons/partner songs

#### RESOURCES:

Spotlight on Music—McMillan/McGraw-Hill

Various Choral Literature

Various supplemental resources, video, & audio

recordings

Music K-8

Music Express

**Composer Posters** 

#### ASSESSMENTS:

Teacher observation

Verbal question/answer

Self-critique/analysis

Rubric evaluation

Pencil/paper tests and worksheets

#### **REMEDIATION:**

Review previously taught concepts through new materials

Vocal games

Echo charts

Cumulative song

Guided listening

# **ENRICHMENT:**

Classroom solo performance

Attend live performance

Lead echo singing

Sing solo

Use of various technology, including computer software

Participate in chorus

COURSE: Elementary General Music

GRADE(S): Four

UNIT: Instruments

# NATIONAL STANDARDS:

### #2 Performing on instruments, alone and with others, a varied repertoire of music

Students perform on pitch, in rhythm, with appropriate dynamics and tone color, and maintain a steady tempo.

Students perform easy rhythmic, melodic, and chordal patterns accurately and independently on rhythmic, melodic, and harmonic classroom instruments.

Students perform expressively a varied repertoire of music representing diverse genres and styles.

Students echo short rhythms and melodic patterns.

Students perform in groups, blending instrumental tone colors, matching dynamic levels, and responding to the cues of a conductor.

Students perform independent instrumental parts while other students sing or play contrasting parts.

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## **STATE STANDARDS:**

#### #9.1.5 Production, Performance and Exhibition of Music

Play an instrument

Duration

Intensity

Pitch

Timbre

Composition

Form

Genre

Harmony

Rhythm Texture

Read and notate music

Compose and arrange

**Improvise** 

#### **UNIT OBJECTIVES:**

Students will be able to...

- --demonstrate proper playing techniques of pitched and/or un-pitched classroom instruments.
- --read and play simple melodies on the recorder with proper tone production and technique.
- --identify and use the following terms in reference to instruments:

Legato, Staccato, Slur, Breath mark, Tie, Anacrusis --identify the four families of orchestral instruments and their members including methods of tone production.

--differentiate between band and orchestral instruments.

# **SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES:**

Play melodic patterns (ostinatos), melodic fragments & accompaniments using body percussion and/or classroom instruments

Accompany three chord songs on a pitched instrument

Play instruments in combination

Play syncopated patterns & rhythm rounds

Compose or improvise simple rhythmic and melodic accompaniments

Play the recorder to demonstrate:

Proper playing and hand position

Proper breathing and tone production

Proper care and storage of instruments

Staff reading of Pitches (D', C', B, A, G, E)

## **RESOURCES:**

Spotlight on Music—McMillan/McGraw-Hill

Various Choral Literature

Supplemental resources, video, & audio recordings

Music K-8 & Music Express

Classroom instruments

Instrument posters

Worksheets

**Recorders** 

#### ASSESSMENTS:

Teacher observation of performance

Pencil/paper worksheets and tests

Rubric evaluation

Listening activities

#### **REMEDIATION:**

Playing musical games

Echo games

Color worksheets

Review previously taught concepts through new materials Guided listening

#### **ENRICHMENT:**

Attend live performance

Give live classroom performance

Make instruments

Additional recorder pitches (C, D, F, F#)

Participate in classroom ensemble

Compose

COURSE: Elementary General Music	GRADE(S): Four
UNIT: Melody and Harmony	

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## #5 Reading and Notating Music

Students read whole, half, dotted half, quarter, and eighth notes in 2/4, 3/4, 4/4, and 6/8 meter signatures.

Students use a system (i.e. syllables, numbers, or letters) to read simple pitch notation in the treble clef in major keys. Students identify symbols and traditional terms referring to dynamics, tempo, and articulation and interpret them correctly when performing.

Students use standard symbols to notate meter, rhythm, pitch, and dynamics in simple patterns presented by the teacher.

#### STATE STANDARDS:

#### #9.1.5 Production, Performance and Exhibition of Music

Play an instrument

Duration

Pitch

Sing

Harmony

Rhythm

Read and notate music

**Improvise** 

#### **UNIT OBJECTIVES:**

Students will be able to...

- --identify line and space notation on the treble clef staff.
- --use the letter names of the lines and spaces of the staff to read simple pitch notation in treble clef.
- --aurally and visually identify, respond and demonstrate long and short/same and different phrases.
- --aurally and visually identify melodic direction

(upward/downward/repeated patterns)

- -aurally and visually identify melodies that move by step, leap and repeat.
- --recognize melodic repetition, rhythm and ostinatos.
- --aurally identify Major and minor tonalities.
- --recognize the following music symbols:

Treble Clef (G-Clef)

Phrase marking

Staff

Lines (EGBDF) & Spaces (FACE)

Octaves

## SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES:

Read and play Low Do, Low La, Mi, So, La, Re, Do, Fa, Ti and high Do and pentatonic scale on a staff

Identify lines and spaces on a staff

Sing and read musical phrases correctly

Draw "rainbows" to represent phrases

Draw the shape (contour) of the phrase

Use physical movement to represent long/short phrases and same/different phrases

Play various types of melodic

phrases/harmonies/ostinatos on the recorder using D',

C', B, A, G, E

Play Major and minor triads on pitched instruments

## **RESOURCES:**

Spotlight on Music—McMillan/McGraw-Hill

Various Choral Literature

Various supplemental resources, video, & audio

recordings

Music K-8/Music Express

Classroom instruments

Pencil/paper

**Composer Posters** 

Recorders

## ASSESSMENTS:

Teacher observation of performance

Paper/pencil test

# **REMEDIATION:**

Echo phrases

Working with a partner

Guided listening

Review previously taught concepts through new materials

## **ENRICHMENT:**

Attend live performance

Give live classroom performance

Compose

COURSE: Elementary General Music

GRADE(S): Four

UNIT: Rhythm and Time

# NATIONAL STANDARDS:

# #3 Improvising melodies, variations, and accompaniments

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Students use a variety of sound sources when composing.

#### #5 Reading and Notating Music

Students read whole, half, dotted half, quarter, and eighth notes in 2/4, 3/4, 4/4, and 6/8 meter signatures.

Students read and follow Kodaly rhythm notation.

Students identify symbols and traditional terms referring to dynamics, tempo, and meter, rhythm and pitch.

#### STATE STANDARDS:

#### #9.1.5 Production, Performance and Exhibition of Music

Play an instrument

Sing

Read and notate music

Compose and arrange

Improvise

# UNIT OBJECTIVES:

Students will be able to...

- --develop the ability to recognize, read, write, and perform simple rhythmic notation.
- --demonstrate even and uneven rhythm patterns.
- --identify and demonstrate the following concepts:

Tempo (fast/slow)

Presto, Moderato, Allegro, Ritard, Accel., Largo

Steady beat/no beat/strong beat/weak beat

Meter/Time Signature in 2's, 3's, and 4's

Rhythmic note values (Kodaly):

Quarter note (ta)

Eighth notes (ti-ti)

Quarter rest (silence)

Whole note (ta-a-a-a)

Half note (ta-a)

Dotted half note (ta-a-a)

Dotted quarter note (ta-i)

Sixteenth notes (ti-ka-ti-ka)

Syncopation (syn-co-pa)

Triplet (Trip-le-ti)
Symbols

Fermata, Tie, Measure, Repeat Sign, Bar line,

Double bar line

### SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES:

Move to show tempo (fast/slow/presto/lento/Moderato) Clap/walk etc. to show steady beat and/or strong and weak beat

Echo clap and echo sing, with proper rhythm

Use flashcards/worksheets to reinforce rhythmic notation

Clap and play syncopated patterns (syn-co-pa)

Use body movement to demonstrate various concepts, free movement/dance/mirror

Play classroom instruments

Conduct/walk/clap/jump/etc. to demonstrate the various meter groupings in 2's, 3's, and 4's

Clap or play ostinato patterns on instruments

Write dictated rhythms

Compose and perform original rhythm compositions **RESOURCES**:

Spotlight on Music—McMillan/McGraw-Hill

Various Choral Literature

Supplemental resources, video, & audio recordings

Music K-8 & Music Express

Rhythm Charts, Worksheets & Flashcards

Classroom instruments

Sticks/cups/balls/jump ropes

Rhythm Bingo

Composer Posters

### ASSESSMENTS:

Teacher observation of performance

Verbal question/answer

Pencil/paper tests and worksheets

## **REMEDIATION:**

Circle games

Echo games

Patsching games

Chants

Review previously taught concepts through new materials

Guided listening

## **ENRICHMENT:**

Attend live performance

Give live classroom performance

Compose

Student led activities

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UNIT: Form, Analysis and Listening	

## #5 Reading and Notating Music

Students identify symbols and traditional terms referring to dynamics, tempo, and meter, rhythm and pitch.

## #6 Listening to, analyzing, and describing music.

Students identify simple music forms when presented aurally.

Students demonstrate perceptual skills by moving, by answering questions, and by describing aural examples of music of various styles representing diverse cultures.

Students use appropriate terminology in explaining music, music notation, music instruments and voices, and music performances.

Students identify the sounds of a variety of instruments, including many orchestra and band instruments, and instruments from various cultures, as well as children's voices and male and female adult voices.

### #7 Evaluating music and music performances.

Students devise criteria for evaluating performances and compositions.

Students explain, using appropriate music terminology, their personal preferences for specific musical works and styles.

#### #8 Understanding relationships between music, the other arts and disciplines outside the arts.

Students identify similarities and differences in the meanings of common terms used in the various arts.

Students identify ways in which the principles and subject matter of other disciplines taught in the school are interrelated with those of music.

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#### #9.3.5—Critical Response

Compare and contrast

Analyze

Interpret

Evaluate and form judgments

#### **UNIT OBJECTIVES:**

Students will be able to...

- --explore sections within piece of music, both aurally & visually.
- --recognize orchestral families and their members

visually/aurally.

- --follow musical symbols/notation including tempo and dynamics to show form.
- --aurally identify Major and minor tonalities
- --identify simple music forms when presented aurally.
- --listen and perform examples of music of various styles representing diverse cultures.
- --identify instruments (orchestra, band, and/or various cultures).
- --identify various singing ranges (Soprano, Alto)
- --Identify:

Introduction/Coda

Phrases (long/short)

Same/different

Solo/chorus

AB (verse/refrain), ABA, ABC, & Rondo

D.C. al fine & D.S. al fine

Repeat sign

Call & Response

Tempo:

Presto, Moderato, Allegro, Ritard, Accel., Largo

Dynamics:

Piano, Forte, Mezzo piano, Mezzo forte, Pianissimo,

Fortissimo, Crescendo, Decrescendo

## SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES:

Use contrasting physical movement to match music (snap/tap/clap)

Sing/identify verse & refrain (AB, ABA, ABC & rondo) Play various instruments to specified form (AB, ABA, ABC,

Evaluate likes/dislikes with regard to hearing preferences

Draw pictures to represent form

Create visual forms.

Listen, perform and respond to various forms & dynamics.

# RESOURCES:

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Spotlight on Music—McMillan/McGraw-Hill

Various Choral Literature

Supplemental resources, video, & audio recordings

Music K-8 & Music Express Classroom instruments

# ASSESSMENTS:

Teacher observation

Verbal question/answer

Pencil/paper worksheets and tests

## **REMEDIATION:**

Dancing

Mirroring

Patterning

Review previously taught concepts through new materials

Guided listenina

## **ENRICHMENT:**

Attend live performance

Give live classroom performance

Create a dance or activity

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UNIT: Music Appreciation	

## #7 Evaluating music and music performances.

Students devise criteria for evaluating performances and compositions.

Students explain, using appropriate music terminology, their personal preferences for specific musical works and styles.

# #8 Understanding relationships between music, the other arts and disciplines outside the arts.

Students identify similarities and differences in the meanings of common terms used in the various arts. Students identify ways in which the principles and subject matter of other disciplines taught in the school are interrelated with those of music.

## #9 Understanding Music in relation to history and culture

Students identify, by genre, style, aural examples of music from various historical periods and cultures.

Students describe in simple terms how elements of music are used in music examples of various settings and cultures. Students demonstrate audience behavior appropriate for the context and style of music performed.

#### **STATE STANDARDS:**

#### #9.2.5—Historical and Cultural Context

Relate to geographic regions Explain historical, cultural, social context of an individual work in the arts

## #9.4.5—Aesthetic Response

Communicate an informed individual opinion about the meaning of works in the arts

#### **UNIT OBJECTIVES:**

Students will be able to...

- --display proper concert etiquette.
- --identify orchestral instruments visually and aurally.
- --differentiate between various dynamics (p, f, mp, mf, ff, pp, cresc., decresc.).
- --recognize, perform and/or listen to music in a variety of styles and cultures.
- --identify AB, ABA, ABC, Rondo, and/or Call & Response forms.

## SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES:

Select listening activities that show character/instrument relationships (i.e. "Night on Bald Mountain" "Grand Canyon Suite", "Young Person's Guide to the Orchestra" etc.)

Discuss how musical elements affect mood

Discuss and practice appropriate concert etiquette (sit quietly, hands and feet to yourself, appreciation shown by clapping, remain seated throughout the program) Study music from composers from various time periods and cultures.

Discuss the composer's choice of instruments resulting in changing tone color.

Creative improvisation to music

Mirroring and patterning activities

Dramatization to music

## RESOURCES:

Spotlight on Music—McMillan/McGraw-Hill

Various Choral Literature

Various supplemental resources, video, & audio

recordings

Music K-8

Music Express

Worksheets

**Transparencies** 

Listening Maps

Composer Posters

## ASSESSMENTS:

Teacher observation

Pencil/paper tests and worksheets

Verbal question and answer

**Rubric Evaluations** 

# **REMEDIATION:**

Guided listening activities

Reinforce AB and ABA form through dancing

Mirroring and patterning activities

Guided listening

## **ENRICHMENT:**

Attend live performance

Give live classroom performance

Create a dance or activity

Create a Rondo