

Beginning Orchestra Curriculum Guide Grades 7-8 2017-18

Paramount Unified School District Educational Services

Beginning Orchestra – Grades 7 and 8 Course Outline and Pacing Guide

Course Description

This instrumental music course is designed to introduce students to learn the basics of performing on a string instrument. Students perform on a string instrument, participate in performances and examine a variety of music forms from past and present.

Course Goals

- Demonstrate and maintain proper care of musical instruments
- Develop the ability to play simple melodies
- Read and interpret note reading skills
- Listen to, describe, and perform music of various styles from a variety of cultures

Instrumental Music Standards

Artistic Perception

Read and Notate Music

- 1.2 Read, write, and perform rhythmic and melodic notation, using standard symbols for pitch, meter, rhythm, dynamics, and tempo in duple and triple meters
- 1.3 Transcribe simple aural examples into rhythmic notation
- 1.4 Sight-read simple melodies in the treble clef or bass clef.

Creative Expression

Apply Vocal and Instrumental Skills

2.3 Perform on an instrument a repertoire of instrumental literature representing various genres, styles, and cultures and expression, technical accuracy, tone quality, and articulation, by oneself and in ensembles (level of difficulty: 1 on a scale of 1-6).

Historical and Cultural Context

Diversity of Music

3.4 Listen to, describe, and perform music of various styles from a variety of cultures.

Textbook

Essential Elements 2000, Hal Leonard (various instrument titles)

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Weeks	Content Text Book: Essential Elements Book 1	Performance Objectives	VAPA Standards for Music
Weeks 1-8 VOCABULARY instrument posture breathing hand position	Preparation for the Winter Concert Performance Concert Pieces: #18 Morning Dance #20 Good King Wenceslas #41 Jingle Bells #36 Dreidel #42 Old MacDonald Had a Farm	Teacher selects based on the student's performance level: Sequential Lessons in Essential Elements 2000 Strings Book 1: • The Pulse of Music, page 4 • Quarter Note, page 4 • Quarter Rest, page 4 • Music Staff, page 4 • Bar Lines, page 4 • Measures, page 4 • Tuning Track, page 4 • Let's Play "Open D", page 4 • Let's Play "Open A", page 4 • Two's a Team, page 4 • At Pierrot's Door, page 4 • Bass Clef, page 5 • Time Signature (Meter), page 5 • Jumping Jacks, page 5	 <u>Artistic Perception</u> Read and Notate Music 1.2 Read, write, and perform rhythmic and melodic notation, using standard symbols for pitch, meter, rhythm, dynamics, and tempo in duple and triple meters 1.3 Transcribe simple aural examples into rhythmic notation 1.4 Sight-read simple melodies in the treble clef or bass clef. <u>Creative Expression</u> Apply Vocal and Instrumental Skills 2.3 Perform on an instrument a repertoire of instrumental literature representing various genres, styles, and cultures and expression, technical accuracy, tone quality, and articulation, by oneself and in ensembles (level of difficulty: 1 on a scale of 1-6).

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Weeks 1-8 VOCABULARY counting major scale whole note half note quarter note	Preparation for the Winter Concert Performance Preparation for the Winter Concert Performance will take place at the VAPA Collaboration Meetings. Concert Pieces: #18 Morning Dance #20 Good King Wenceslas #41 Jingle Bells #36 Dreidel #42 Old MacDonald Had a Farm	 Teacher selects based on the student's performance level: Mix 'Em Up, page 5 Repeat Sign, page 5 Counting, page 5 Count Carefully, page 5 Essential Elements Quiz, page 5 Shaping the Left Hand: G, F#, E, page 6 Let's Read "G", page 6 Let's Read "F" (F-Sharp), page 6 Lift Off, page 6 Shaping the Right Hand: Bow Builder One, page 7 (<i>Practice Daily</i>) On the Trail, page 7 Let's Read "E", page 7 Walking Song, page 7 	 Artistic Perception Read and Notate Music 1.2 Read, write, and perform rhythmic and melodic notation, using standard symbols for pitch, meter, rhythm, dynamics, and tempo in duple and triple meters 1.4 Sight-read simple melodies in the treble clef or bass clef. <u>Creative Expression</u> Apply Vocal and Instrumental Skills 2.3 Perform on an instrument a repertoire of instrumental literature representing various genres, styles, and cultures and expression, technical accuracy, tone quality, and articulation (level of difficulty: 1 on a scale of 1-6). <u>Historical and Cultural Context</u> Diversity of Music 3.4 Listen to, describe, and perform music of various styles from a variety of cultures.

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Weeks 1-8 VOCABULARY tone bow pitch open string	Preparation for the Winter Concert Performance #18 Morning Dance #20 Good King Wenceslas #41 Jingle Bells #36 Dreidel #42 Old MacDonald Had a Farm	Teacher selects based on the student's performance level: Bow Builder Two, page 8 Hopscotch, page 8 Morning Dance, page 8 Norling Along, page 8 Workouts, page 9 Good King Wenceslas, page 9 Seminole Chant, page 9 Essential Elements Quiz: Lightly Row, page 9 A String Notes, page 10 Ledger Lines, page 10 Let's Read "D", page 10 Let's Read C#, page 10 Caribbean Island, page 10 Olympic High Jump, page 11 Let's Read "B", page 11	 <u>Artistic Perception</u> Read and Notate Music 1.2 Read, write, and perform rhythmic and melodic notation, using standard symbols for pitch, meter, rhythm, dynamics, and tempo in duple and triple meters 1.4 Sight-read simple melodies in the treble clef or bass clef. <u>Creative Expression</u> Apply Vocal and Instrumental Skills 2.3 Perform on an instrument a repertoire of instrumental literature representing various genres, styles, and cultures and expression, technical accuracy, tone quality, and articulation (level of difficulty: 1 on a scale of 1-6). <u>Historical and Cultural Context</u> Diversity of Music 3.4 Listen to, describe, and perform music of various styles from a variety of cultures.

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Weeks 9-17 VOCABULARY scale song rhythm sight-read	Preparation for the Winter Concert Performance (Concert Pieces: #18 Morning Dance #20 Good King Wenceslas #41 Jingle Bells #36 Dreidel #42 Old MacDonald Had a Farm First Quarter Assessment 1. Written assessments on note names and values. 2. Pulse and counting test on rhythms.	Teacher selects based on the student's performance level: • Half Way Down, page 11 • Right Back Up, page 11 • Scale, page 11 • Down the D Scale, page 11 • Essential Elements Quiz: Up the D Scale • Bow Builder Four, page 12 • Song for Christine, page 12 • Natalie's Rose, page 12 • Essential Creativity Assessment, p. 12 • Dreidel, page 13 • Down Bow, Up Bow, page 13 • Down Bow, Up Bow, page 13 • Rosin Rap #1-#3, page 13 • Theory Review, page 14	 <u>Artistic Perception</u> Read and Notate Music 1.2 Read, write, and perform rhythmic and melodic notation, using standard symbols for pitch, meter, rhythm, dynamics, and tempo in duple and triple meters 1.4 Sight-read simple melodies in the treble clef or bass clef. <u>Creative Expression</u> Apply Vocal and Instrumental Skills 2.3 Perform on an instrument a repertoire of instrumental literature representing various genres, styles, and cultures and expression, technical accuracy, tone quality, and articulation (level of difficulty: 1 on a scale of 1-6). <u>Historical and Cultural Context</u> Diversity of Music 3.4 Listen to, describe, and perform music of various styles from a variety of cultures.

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Weeks 9-17 VOCABULARY Melody Tempo Duple triple	Preparation for the Winter Concert Performance #20 Good King Wenceslas #41 Jingle Bells #36 Dreidel #42 Old MacDonald Had a Farm	 Teacher selects based on the student's performance level: Carolina Breeze, page 14 Jingle Bells, page 14 Old MacDonald Had a Farm, page 14 History - Mozart, page 15 A Mozart Melody, page 15 Key Signature D Major, page 15 Matthew's March, page 15 Christopher's Tune, page 15 Essential Elements' Creativity Assessment, page 15 Bow Builder Six, page 16 Bow on the D String, page 16 Bow on the A String, page 16 Workouts: String Levels, p. 17 Raise and Lower, page 17 Teeter Totter, page 17 Mirror Image, page 17 	 <u>Artistic Perception</u> Read and Notate Music 1.2 Read, write, and perform rhythmic and melodic notation, using standard symbols for pitch, meter, rhythm, dynamics, and tempo in duple and triple meters 1.4 Sight-read simple melodies in the treble clef or bass clef. <u>Creative Expression</u> Apply Vocal and Instrumental Skills 2.3 Perform on an instrument a repertoire of instrumental literature representing various genres, styles, and cultures and expression, technical accuracy, tone quality, and articulation (level of difficulty: 1 on a scale of 1-6). <u>Historical and Cultural Context</u> Diversity of Music 3.4 Listen to, describe, and perform music of various styles from a variety of cultures.

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Weeks 9-17 VOCABULARY concert bow builder D Major Scale style	Preparation for the Winter Concert Performance #20 Good King Wenceslas #41 Jingle Bells #36 Dreidel #42 Old MacDonald Had a Farm	 Teacher selects based on the student's performance level: Bow Lift, page 17 A Strand of D 'N' A, page 17 Essential Elements Quiz: Olympic Challenge, page 17 Bow Builder Seven, page 17 Putting It All Together, pages 18-19 Bowing "G" Back and Forth Down and Up Tribal Lament Bowing "D" Little Steps Elevator Down Elevator Up Down the D Major Scale Scale Simulator Essential Elements Quiz: The D Major Scale, page 19 	 <u>Artistic Perception</u> Read and Notate Music 1.2 Read, write, and perform rhythmic and melodic notation, using standard symbols for pitch, meter, rhythm, dynamics, and tempo in duple and triple meters 1.4 Sight-read simple melodies in the treble clef or bass clef. <u>Creative Expression</u> Apply Vocal and Instrumental Skills 2.3 Perform on an instrument a repertoire of instrumental literature representing various genres, styles, and cultures and expression, technical accuracy, tone quality, and articulation (level of difficulty: 1 on a scale of 1-6). <u>Historical and Cultural Context</u> Diversity of Music 3.4 Listen to, describe, and perform music of various styles from a variety of cultures.

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Weeks 9-17 VOCABULARY half note half rest describe listen treble clef 2/4 time signature	Preparation for the Winter Concert Performance #20 Good King Wenceslas #41 Jingle Bells #36 Dreidel #42 Old MacDonald Had a Farm	Teacher selects based on the student's performance level: • Let's Read "C#", page 19 • Eighth Notes, page 20 • Rhythm Rap, page 20 • Pepperoni Pizza, page 20 • D Major Scale Up, page 20 • D Major Scale Up, page 20 • Hot Cross Buns, page 20 • Au Claire De La Lune, page 20 • Au Claire De La Lune, page 20 • Rhythm Rap, page 21 • Buckeye Salute, page 21 • Z/4 Time Signature, page 21 • Rhythm Rap, page 21 • Two by Two, page 21 • 1 st & 2 nd Endings, page 21 • Half Note and Half Rest, p. 22	 Artistic Perception Read and Notate Music 1.2 Read, write, and perform rhythmic and melodic notation, using standard symbols for pitch, meter, rhythm, dynamics, and tempo in duple and triple meters 1.4 Sight-read simple melodies in the treble clef or bass clef. Creative Expression Apply Vocal and Instrumental Skills 2.3 Perform on an instrument a repertoire of instrumental literature representing various genres, styles, and cultures and expression, technical accuracy, tone quality, and articulation (level of difficulty: 1 on a scale of 1-6). Historical and Cultural Context Diversity of Music 3.4 Listen to, describe, and perform music of various styles from a variety of cultures.

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Weeks 9-17 VOCABULARY rehearsal Dreidel program audience	 Perform Winter Concert Performance First Semester Assessment 1. Written assessments on note names and values. 2. Pulse and counting tests on rhythms. 3. Winter Concert Performance 4. Written assessment on all music notation covered during first semester (comprehensive). 6. Playing assessment on scales and assigned material. 	Rehearse Concert Selections Select 2-4 Additional Songs from Pages 4-21 Teacher selects from songs rehearsed (2-4 additional songs) based on the student's performance level for concert pieces and five concert pieces: Concert Pieces: #18 Morning Dance #20 Good King Wenceslas #41 Jingle Bells #36 Dreidel #42 Old MacDonald Had a Farm Add the additional songs to the printed program.	 <u>Artistic Perception</u> Read and Notate Music 1.2 Read, write, and perform rhythmic and melodic notation, using standard symbols for pitch, meter, rhythm, dynamics, and tempo in duple and triple meters 1.4 Sight-read simple melodies in the treble clef or bass clef. <u>Creative Expression</u> Apply Vocal and Instrumental Skills 2.3 Perform on an instrument a repertoire of instrumental literature representing various genres, styles, and cultures and expression, technical accuracy, tone quality, and articulation (level of difficulty: 1 on a scale of 1-6). <u>Historical and Cultural Context</u> Diversity of Music 3.4 Listen to, describe, and perform music of various styles from a variety of cultures.

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Weeks 18-27 VOCABULARY ear training tracking notes symbols singing patterns clapping patterns	Second Semester Goals Students will perform The Basics, pages 2-3: Posture Taking Care of Your Instrument Holding Your Instrument Holding Your Instrument Getting It Together Reading Music Singing Ear Training Tracking Printed Notes while Listening Singing and Clapping Rhythm Patterns Preparation for the Spring Concert Performance will take place at the VAPA Collaboration Meetings.	 Students will: Expand range of notes learned Expand basic music reading skills Reinforce previously learned musical skills Foster good practice skills (i.e., assessment of needs, development of technique, isolation of problem areas, and short frequent practice sessions) Associate finger number, note name, and note symbol Prepare for year-end performance 	Artistic Perception Read and Notate Music 1.2 Read, write, and perform rhythmic and melodic notation, using standard symbols for pitch, meter, rhythm, dynamics, and tempo in duple and triple meters

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Weeks 18-27 VOCABULARY repeat signs chord harmony Music History	Preparation for the Spring Concert Performance Songs Pages 22-25 <u>Essential Elements Assessment</u> Pages 23	 Teachers select songs adding to individual students' repertoire based on students' skill. Teacher teaches all lessons on notes, music theory, history and administers Essential Element's quizzes: <u>Music Teaching, Pages 22-26</u> Half Note, Half Rest Repeat Signs History – Ludwig van Beethoven Chord, Harmony History – Offenbach, Operetta G String Notes Key Signature G Major 	 Artistic Perception Read and Notate Music 1.2 Read, write, and perform rhythmic and melodic notation, using standard symbols for pitch, meter, rhythm, dynamics, and tempo in duple and triple meters 1.4 Sight-read simple melodies in the treble clef or bass clef. Creative Expression Apply Vocal and Instrumental Skills 2.3 Perform on an instrument a repertoire of instrumental literature representing various genres, styles, and cultures and expression, technical accuracy, tone quality, and articulation (level of difficulty: 1 on a scale of 1-6).

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Weeks 18-27 VOCABULARY time signature dotted half note tie slur upbeat D.C. al Fine	Continue planning second performance for June, 2011. Differentiate depending on skill level individually or in groups: <u>Songs</u> Pages 27-30 <u>Essential Elements Assessments</u> Pages 27, 28	<u>Music Teaching, Pages 27-30</u> Time Signature (Meter) Conducting Time Signature (Meter) 3/4 Conducting Dotted Half Note Tie Slur Upbeat History – Latin American Music D.C. al Fine	 Artistic Perception Read and Notate Music 1.2 Read, write, and perform rhythmic and melodic notation, using standard symbols for pitch, meter, rhythm, dynamics, and tempo in duple and triple meters 1.4 Sight-read simple melodies in the treble clef or bass clef. <u>Creative Expression</u> Apply Vocal and Instrumental Skills 2.3 Perform on an instrument a repertoire of instrumental literature representing various genres, styles, and cultures and expression, technical accuracy, tone quality, and articulation (level of difficulty: 1 on a scale of 1-6).

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Weeks 18-27 VOCABULARY natural half step whole step chromatics duet	Preparation for the Spring Concert Performance Differentiate depending on skill level individually or in groups: <u>Songs</u> Pages 31-34 <u>Essential Elements Assessments</u> Pages 34 <u>Third Quarter Assessment</u> 1. Written note tests on note names and values. 2. Pulse and counting tests on rhythms.	Begin selecting songs for performance in June. Rehearse these songs often. Ask students for a couple of favorites and ask students to explain why the songs are favorites. Add a couple of student favorites and cultural favorites from the book to your performance list. <u>Music Teaching, Pages 31-34</u> Skill Builder History – Far Eastern Music Second Finger on the D String Natural Half Step, Whole Step Second Finger on the A String Chromatics Key Signature C Major Duet History – National Flavor Composition	 <u>Artistic Perception</u> Read and Notate Music 1.2 Read, write, and perform rhythmic and melodic notation, using standard symbols for pitch, meter, rhythm, dynamics, and tempo in duple and triple meters 1.4 Sight-read simple melodies in the treble clef or bass clef. <u>Creative Expression</u> Apply Vocal and Instrumental Skills 2.3 Perform on an instrument a repertoire of instrumental literature representing various genres, styles, and cultures and expression, technical accuracy, tone quality, and articulation (level of difficulty: 1 on a scale of 1-6).

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Weeks 28-36 VOCABULARY rounds canons themes variations team work listening skills	Preparation for the Spring Concert Performance Differentiate depending on skill level individually or in groups: <u>Songs</u> Pages 35-40 <u>Essential Elements Assessment</u> Pages 35, 39	Begin selecting songs for performance in June. Rehearse these songs often. Ask students for suggestions and to explain why the songs are favorites. Add a couple of student favorites and cultural favorites from the book to your concert performance list. <u>Music Teaching, Pages 35-40</u> History – Rounds and Canons Theme and Variations C String Notes Whole Note Whole Rest Arpeggio Team Work Listening Skills	 <u>Artistic Perception</u> Read and Notate Music 1.2 Read, write, and perform rhythmic and melodic notation, using standard symbols for pitch, meter, rhythm, dynamics, and tempo in duple and triple meters 1.4 Sight-read simple melodies in the treble clef or bass clef. <u>Creative Expression</u> Apply Vocal and Instrumental Skills 2.3 Perform on an instrument a repertoire of instrumental literature representing various genres, styles, and cultures and expression, technical accuracy, tone quality, and articulation (level of difficulty: 1 on a scale of 1-6).

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Weeks 28-36	Preparation for the Spring Concert Performance Rehearse Concert Performance Pieces (7-9 pieces)	Preparation for the Spring Concert Performance Preparation for the Sprint Concert Performance will take place at the VAPA Collaboration Meetings.	 <u>Artistic Perception</u> Read and Notate Music 1.2 Read, write, and perform rhythmic and melodic notation, using standard symbols for pitch, meter, rhythm, dynamics, and tempo in duple and triple meters 1.4 Sight-read simple melodies in the treble clef or bass clef. <u>Creative Expression</u> Apply Vocal and Instrumental Skills 2.3 Perform on an instrument a repertoire of instrumental literature representing various genres, styles, and cultures and expression, technical accuracy, tone quality, and articulation (level of difficulty: 1 on a scale of 1-6).

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Weeks 28-36	 Spring Band Performance Second Semester Assessment Pulse and counting tests on rhythms. Spring Concert Performance Written assessment on all music notation covered during year (comprehensive). 	 Students perform individually or in small groups using performance lists from their repertoire in class. <u>Content After Performance</u> Performance Spotlight Songs, pages 40-45 Revisit Performing Music of Favorite Songs (Individual Repertoire) Revisit Concert Pieces 	 <u>Artistic Perception</u> Read and Notate Music 1.2 Read, write, and perform rhythmic and melodic notation, using standard symbols for pitch, meter, rhythm, dynamics, and tempo in duple and triple meters 1.4 Sight-read simple melodies in the treble clef or bass clef. <u>Creative Expression</u> Apply Vocal and Instrumental Skills 2.3 Perform on an instrument a repertoire of instrumental literature representing various genres, styles, and cultures and expression, technical accuracy, tone quality, and articulation (level of difficulty: 1 on a scale of 1-6).