Music

Brunswick School Department Performing Arts Wind Ensembles Grades 9-12 Unit 2: Interpreting Styles of Music

Essential Understandings	The performing arts allow students through instrumental music to communicate their own feelings and those of the composer through different styles of music.
Essential Questions	 What techniques and knowledge is necessary to interpret two different styles of music at a Grade 3.4 music level? Why is it important to perform music in a way that is "stylistically" correct? Can a person be individually creative and stylistically accurate at the same time?
Essential Knowledge	 An instrumentalist must have an understanding of more advanced music theory, notation, and vocabulary. An instrumentalist must have more advanced knowledge of at least a few 3 to 4 different styles or genres of music. An instrumentalist accurately evaluates his/her own music performance based upon proper style and interpretation. An instrumentalist needs to understand moderate to advanced rhythm especially as it applies to the various periods/styles being studied.
Vocabulary	 Terms: dynamics, appoggiatura, mordent, advanced articulations, melodic contouring of phrasing and dynamics
Essential Skills	 Demonstrate specific advanced stylistic skill in interpreting two musically different selections. Use various advanced techniques in performance characteristics of the style of music being performed.

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A. Disciplinary Literacy

A1.Music Difficulty

Students perform music that requires well-developed technical skills, attention to phrasing and interpretation, and the ability to perform various meters and rhythms in a variety of keys while modeling proper posture and technique alone or with others.

A2. Notation and Terminology

Students apply accumulated knowledge of musical notation, symbols, and terminology to perform music with greater complexity and variation including sudden dynamic contrasts.

B. Creating, Performance, and Expression

B1. Style/Genre

Students perform music of various styles and genres that require well-developed technical skills, attention to phrasing and interpretation and various meters and rhythms in a variety of keys, accurately applying the accumulated knowledge and skills of: proper posture and techniques; musical notation; symbols and terminology.

C. Creative Problem Solving

C1. Application of Creative Process

Students apply and analyze creative problem solving and creative thinking skills to improve or vary their own work and the work of others.

D. Aesthetics and Criticism

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Students analyze and evaluate art forms.

E. Visual and Performing Arts Connection

E1. The Arts and History of World Cultures

Students analyze the characteristics and purposes of products of the visual/performing arts to understand history and/or world cultures.

E5.Interpersonal Skills

Students demonstrate positive interpersonal skills and reflect on the impact of interpersonal skills on personal success in the arts.

- a. Getting along with others.
- b. Respecting differences.
- c. Working as a team/ensemble.
- d. Managing conflict.
- e. Accepting/giving/using constructive feedback.
- f. Accepting responsibility for personal behavior.
- g. Demonstrating ethical behavior.
- h. Following established rules/etiquette for observing/listening to art.

Related Maine Learning Results

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Sample Lessons	 Use the SmartMusic program to practice each style being performed.
And Activities	 Listen to more than one professional performance of each style being performed.
Sample Classroom Assessment Methods	 Use the assessment feature of the SmartMusic computer program to perform at least two styles being studied. Aural quiz for recognition of at least three contrasting styles of music with written validations.
Sample Resources	 Videos: SmartMusic program videos and listening examples of a soloist performing each contrasting style.