

8th Grade Band Essential Music Curriculum

ML – Musical Literacy, MR – Musical Response, CR – Contextual Relevancy

| Musical Literacy | |
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| Knowledge | Skills |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify Concert Key Signatures of Bb, Eb and F. • Identify Cut Time, Common Time 6/8, 2/4, 3/4, and 4/4 time signatures. • Identify pianissimo through fortissimo. • Identify Moderato, Allegretto, Largo and Presto. • Identify and define expressive elements including staccato, tenuto, legato, and marcato. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Perform musical samples within a one-octave range in the keys of Concert Bb, Eb and F. • Perform in simple meter sixteenth notes, eighth note triplets, and single eighth/sixteenth combination groups. * *In addition, Percussion performs 5 stroke and 9 stroke rolls, and flam tap. • Perform a musical sample using correct articulation to include staccato and tenuto. • Perform a musical sample demonstrating forte and piano. • Notate an 8 bar sample of music within specified parameters to include: whole, half, quarter, eighth note pairs and dotted half notes; in 2/4, 3/4, or 4/4 time signatures; in the key of Concert Bb. |
| Musical Response | |
| Knowledge | Skills |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Describe the principles of good ensemble balance as it relates to melody and accompaniment, and each instrument's role in the ensemble. • Visually identify intonation (sharp, flat or in tune) using an electronic tuner. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aurally identify unison and harmony. • Aurally identify melody and accompaniment • Interpret the gestures of a conductor when playing an instrument. |
| Contextual Relevancy | |
| Knowledge | Skills |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explain the purpose of copyright laws. • Explain appropriate etiquette for the presentation of <i>The Star Spangled Banner</i>. • Describe the characteristics of March style. • Identify John P. Sousa, Karl King and Henry Fillmore as important composers of American March style. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aurally identify <i>The Star Spangled Banner</i> as the National Anthem of the United States. • Aurally identify <i>Stars and Stripes Forever</i> as the National March of the United States. |