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# Art Behind the Music, GRADES 11 & 12 Unit 2B: The Digital Audio Workstation

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#### **Unit Overview**

Unit two will introduce the software, hardware, concepts, and practical use of the digital audio workstation (DAW).

The Digital Audio Workstation:

- This unit will introduce the students to the software, hardware, concepts, and practical use of the digital audio workstation.
- Various hardware to be used may include, but will not be limited to, audio interfaces, microphones, different types of cable, and direct boxes.
- Various software to be used may include, but will not be limited to, digital audio workstation and sequencing applications, plugins, and virtual instruments.
- Concepts will include connecting hardware appropriate for a particular recording session, adding and arming tracks, recording audio, adding effects, mixing tracks, and more.
- The students will understand how the hardware and software interacts and ultimately have the ability to produce an audio project.

#### **Enduring Understanding**

- How to use various hardware used in recording audio.
- How to use various software used in recording audio.
- Concepts of audio production using such hardware and software.
- It is important to have knowledge of the hardware, software, concepts, and practical use of the digital audio workstation to create a product viable for consumption by the intended audience.

#### **Essential Questions**

- What hardware is used for digital recording?
- What software is used for digital recording?
- How does the hardware and software work together?
- What concepts are used in the creation of a recording using this hardware and software?
- How can this knowledge help me in my life outside of the classroom?
- How does the knowledge of the digital audio workstation aid me in understanding the creation of music and other audio that I and others consume?

#### **Exit Skills**

By the end of Unit Two:

- All students will demonstrate an understanding of the digital audio workstation by:
  - Taking quizzes on the hardware, software, concepts, and practical use of the digital audio workstation
  - Connecting all hardware appropriate for a recording session.
  - Creating tracks in software, arming them for recording, and creating a recording on a track-by-track basis.
  - Adding effect plugins and virtual instruments.
  - Mixing tracks together in a cohesive manner.
  - $\circ$  The students will have some sort of understanding of how to create an audio product that is consumable by others.

## New Jersey Student Learning Standards (NJSLS-S)

MU.K-12.1.3C.12nov.Cr1	Generating and conceptualizing ideas.
	Imagine
MU.K-12.1.3C.12nov.Cr1a	Compose and improvise ideas and motives for melodies and rhythmic passages based on characteristic(s) of music or text(s) studied in rehearsal.
MU.K-12.1.3C.12nov.Cr2	Organizing and developing ideas.
	Plan, Make
MU.K-12.1.3C.12nov.Cr2a	Select and develop draft melodic and rhythmic ideas or motives that demonstrate understanding of characteristic(s) of music or text(s) studied in rehearsal.
MU.K-12.1.3C.12nov.Cr3	Refining and completing products.
MU.K-12.1.3C.12nov.Pr	Performing
TECH.9.4.12.IML.6	Use various types of media to produce and store information on climate change for different purposes and audiences with sensitivity to cultural, gender, and age diversity (e.g., NJSLSA.SL5).

#### **Interdisciplinary Connections**

9.3.12.AR	Arts, A/V Technology & Communications
9.3.12.AR.1	Analyze the interdependence of the technical and artistic elements of various careers within the Arts, A/V Technology & Communications Career Cluster.
9.3.12.AR.5	Describe the career opportunities and means to achieve those opportunities in each of the Arts, A/V Technology & Communications Career Pathways.
9.3.12.AR.6	Evaluate technological advancements and tools that are essential to occupations within the Arts, A/V Technology & Communications Career Cluster.

#### **Learning Objectives**

After completing Unit Two the students will be able to:

Identify the hardware and software components of a DAW.

Construct an audio project within the DAW software.

Assess the levels and equalization necessary for a proper mix.

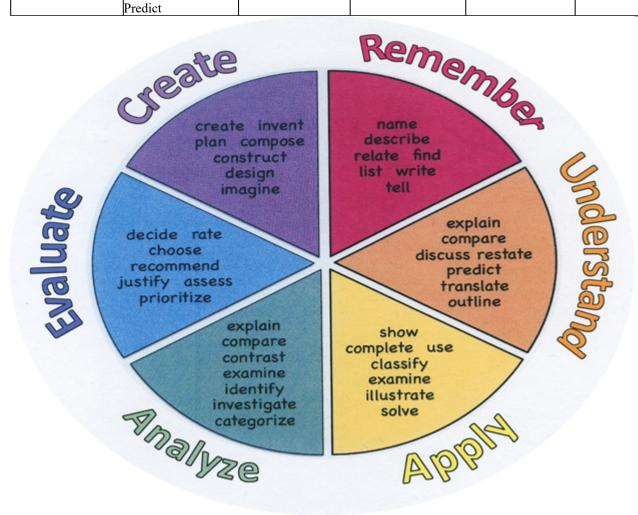
Manipulate the effects applied to individual tracks.

Critique a project before finalizing the mix.

Action Verbs: Below are examples of action verbs associated with each level of the Revised Bloom's Taxonomy.

Remember	Understand	Apply	Analyze	Evaluate	Create
Choose	Classify	Choose	Categorize	Appraise	Combine
Describe	Defend	Dramatize	Classify	Judge	Compose
Define	Demonstrate	Explain	Compare	Criticize	Construct

Label	Distinguish	Generalize	Differentiate	Defend	Design
List	Explain	Judge	Distinguish	Compare	Develop
Locate	Express	Organize	Identify	Assess	Formulate
Match	Extend	Paint	Infer	Conclude	Hypothesize
Memorize	Give Examples	Prepare	Point out	Contrast	Invent
Name	Illustrate	Produce	Select	Critique	Make
Omit	Indicate	Select	Subdivide	Determine	Originate
Recite	Interrelate	Show	Survey	Grade	Organize
Select	Interpret	Sketch	Arrange	Justify	Plan
State	Infer	Solve	Breakdown	Measure	Produce
Count	Match	Use	Combine	Rank	Role Play
Draw	Paraphrase	Add	Detect	Rate	Drive
Outline	Represent	Calculate	Diagram	Support	Devise
Point	Restate	Change	Discriminate	Test	Generate
Quote	Rewrite	Classify	Illustrate		Integrate
Recall	Select	Complete	Outline		Prescribe
Recognize	Show	Compute	Point out		Propose
Repeat	Summarize	Discover	Separate		Reconstruct
Reproduce	Tell	Divide			Revise
	Translate	Examine			Rewrite
	Associate	Graph			Transform
	Compute	Interpolate			
	Convert	Manipulate			
	Discuss	Modify			
	Estimate	Operate			
	Extrapolate	Subtract			
	Generalize				
	Predict				



#### **Suggested Activities & Best Practices**

- Demonstrate ability to connect hardware appropriate for a recording session.
- Create a recording session in the DAW software and record individual tracks.
- Perform a mix of a recording as a group, offering individual critiques and coming to a compromise for the best quality mix.
- Observe and offer critique of recording and mix quality to students.
- Research and learn about producers of various cultures and diverse backgrounds.

#### Assessment Evidence - Checking for Understanding (CFU)

The following Evidence of Student learning with Checking for Understanding techniques will be employed:

- Unit Quiz (summative assessment)
- Unit Review (formative assessment)
- Web-Based Assessment (alternative assessment)
- Exit Tickets (formative assessment)
- Self-Assessments (alternative assessment)
- Compare and Contrast (formative assessment)
- Study Guide (formative assessment)
- Observations (formative assessment)
- Homework (formative assessment)
- Admit Tickets
- Anticipation Guide
- Common Benchmarks
- Compare & Contrast
- DBQ's
- Define
- Describe
- Evaluate
- Evaluation rubrics
- Exit Tickets

- Explaining
- Fist- to-Five or Thumb-Ometer
- Illustration
- Journals
- KWL Chart
- Learning Center Activities
- Multimedia Reports
- Newspaper Headline
- Outline
- Question Stems
- Quickwrite
- Quizzes
- Red Light, Green Light
- Self- assessments
- Socratic Seminar
- Study Guide
- Surveys
- Teacher Observation Checklist
- Think, Pair, Share
- Think, Write, Pair, Share
- Top 10 List
- Unit review/Test prep
- Unit tests
- Web-Based Assessments

## **Primary Resources & Materials**

Materials to be used for for this course may include, but not be be limited to:

- YouTube videos
- Websites
- Information accessible via websites
- Chromebooks
- Smart TV
- PCs with audio production hardware

Ancillary resources may include, but not be limited to:

- Musical instruments
- Instrument amplifiers
- Non-student performances

## **Technology Infusion**

- Music Maker Jam
- Podcasts
- Khan Academy
- Twitter
- Windows Movie Maker
- Wikipedia
- TED Talks

What **Technology Infusion** and/or strategies are integrated into this unit to enhance learning? Please list all hardware, software and strategies. Please find a technology pedagogy wheel for assistance while completing this section.



# Win 8.1 Apps/Tools Pedagogy Wheel

# Alignment to 21st Century Skills & Technology

WRK.9.2.12.CAP	Career Awareness and Planning
WRK.9.2.12.CAP.3	Investigate how continuing education contributes to one's career and personal growth.
WRK.9.2.12.CAP.4	Evaluate different careers and develop various plans (e.g., costs of public, private, training schools) and timetables for achieving them, including educational/training requirements, costs, loans, and debt repayment.
TECH.9.4.12.CI.1	Demonstrate the ability to reflect, analyze, and use creative skills and ideas (e.g., 1.1.12prof.CR3a).
TECH.9.4.12.CI.3	Investigate new challenges and opportunities for personal growth, advancement, and transition (e.g., 2.1.12.PGD.1).
TECH.9.4.12.CT	Critical Thinking and Problem-solving
	Collaboration with individuals with diverse experiences can aid in the problem-solving process, particularly for global issues where diverse solutions are needed.
	Innovative ideas or innovation can lead to career opportunities.
	Career planning requires purposeful planning based on research, self-knowledge, and informed choices.

# **21st Century Skills/Interdisciplinary Themes**

- Global awareness
- Environmental literacy
- Civic literacy
- Communication and Collaboration
- Creativity and Innovation
- Life and Career Skills
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- ICT (Information, Communications and Technology) Literacy
- Information Literacy
- Life and Career Skills
- Media Literacy

## **21st Century Skills**

- Communication and Collaboration
- Information Literacy
- ICT (Information, Communications and Technology) Literacy
- Life and Career Skills

- Creativity and Innovation
- Critical Thinking and Problem Solving
- Civic Literacy
- Environmental Literacy
- Financial, Economic, Business and Entrepreneurial Literacy
- Global Awareness
- Health Literacy

#### Differentiation

- Students will have the same subject matter but will have different outcomes.
- Progress will be the same but the product will be different.
- Guided instruction, direct instruction, group instruction.
- Assist students with IEP & 504 guidelines.
- Study guides, group and peer instruction, extended time/ test time, oral testing
- Small group instruction
- Small group assignments
- Extra time to complete assignments
- Pairing oral instruction with visuals
- Repeat directions
- Scheduled breaks
- Rephrase written directions
- Alternative formative and summative assessment
- Leveled rubrics
- Project-based learning
- Exploration by interest
- Open-ended activities

#### Special Education Learning (IEP's & 504's)

- additional time for skill mastery
- preview of content, concepts, and vocabulary
- behavior management plan
- have student repeat directions to check for understanding
- teacher initiated weekly assignment sheet
- assistive technology
- check work frequently for understanding
- secure attention before giving instruction/directions

- multi-sensory presentation
- preferential seating
- Reduced/shortened written assignments
- printed copy of board work/notes provided
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- additional time for skill mastery
- assistive technology
- behavior management plan
- Center-Based Instruction
- check work frequently for understanding
- computer or electronic device utilizes
- extended time on tests/ quizzes
- · have student repeat directions to check for understanding
- highlighted text visual presentation
- modified assignment format
- modified test content
- modified test format
- modified test length
- multi-sensory presentation
- multiple test sessions
- preferential seating
- preview of content, concepts, and vocabulary
- Provide modifications as dictated in the student's IEP/504 plan
- reduced/shortened reading assignments
- Reduced/shortened written assignments
- secure attention before giving instruction/directions
- shortened assignments
- student working with an assigned partner
- teacher initiated weekly assignment sheet
- Use open book, study guides, test prototypes

#### English Language Learning (ELL)

- using videos, illustrations, pictures, and drawings to explain or clarify
- teaching key aspects of a topic. Eliminate nonessential information
- having peers take notes or providing a copy of the teacher's notes
- providing study guides
- allowing students to correct errors (looking for understanding)
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- allowing students to correct errors (looking for understanding)
- allowing the use of note cards or open-book during testing
- decreasing the amount of workpresented or required
- having peers take notes or providing a copy of the teacher's notes
- modifying tests to reflect selected objectives
- providing study guides
- reducing or omitting lengthy outside reading assignments
- reducing the number of answer choices on a multiple choice test
- tutoring by peers
- using computer word processing spell check and grammar check features
- using true/false, matching, or fill in the blank tests in lieu of essay tests

#### At Risk

- decreasing the amount of work presented or required
- using videos, illustrations, pictures, and drawings to explain or clarify
- tutoring by peers
- having peers take notes or providing a copy of the teacher's notes
- providing study guides
- allowing students to correct errors (looking for understanding)
- marking students' correct and acceptable work, not the mistakes
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- allowing students to select from given choices
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- modifying tests to reflect selected objectives
- providing study guides
- reducing or omitting lengthy outside reading assignments
- reducing the number of answer choices on a multiple choice test
- tutoring by peers
- using authentic assessments with real-life problem-solving
- using true/false, matching, or fill in the blank tests in lieu of essay tests
- using videos, illustrations, pictures, and drawings to explain or clarify

#### Talented and Gifted Learning (T&G)

- Create a blog or social media page about their unit
- Debate issues with research to support arguments
- Complete activities aligned with above grade level text using Benchmark results
- Advanced problem-solving
- Above grade level placement option for qualified students
- Higher order, critical & creative thinking skills, and discovery
- Flexible skill grouping within a class or across grade level for rigor
- Teacher-selected instructional strategies that are focused to provide challenge, engagement, and growth opportunities
- Multi-disciplinary unit and/or project
- Allow students to work at a faster pace
- Above grade level placement option for qualified students
- Advanced problem-solving
- Allow students to work at a faster pace
- Cluster grouping
- · Complete activities aligned with above grade level text using Benchmark results
- Create a blog or social media page about their unit
- Create a plan to solve an issue presented in the class or in a text
- Debate issues with research to support arguments
- · Flexible skill grouping within a class or across grade level for rigor
- Higher order, critical & creative thinking skills, and discovery
- Multi-disciplinary unit and/or project
- Teacher-selected instructional strategies that are focused to provide challenge, engagement, and growth opportunities
- Utilize exploratory connections to higher-grade concepts
- Utilize project-based learning for greater depth of knowledge

#### Sample Lesson

Unit Name: Unit Two: The Digital Audio Workstation

NJSLS: See above

#### Interdisciplinary Connection: Technology, Arts

**Statement of Objective:** SWDAT understand the software, hardware, concepts, and practical use of the digital audio workstation (DAW).

Anticipatory Set/Do Now: Students will be able to identify past recording technologies, how they are different from today's technology, and what the lineage between them is.

**Learning Activity:** Students will practice using various recording programs available on the school computers and their Chromebooks.

Student Assessment/CFU's: Class discussion, quiz

Materials: Videos, examples of such technologies

21st Century Themes and Skills: Communication and Collaboration, Information Literacy, Media Literacy

**Differentiation/Modifications:** Preferential seating for observing video, allowance for necessary repetition during discussion, extra time for quiz

**Integration of Technology:** Google Classroom, access to internet for YouTube videos and other exemplary materials