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Unit Overview

In this unit the students will learn about the aspects of music that are important to an emotionally expressive performance.

Enduring Understandings

Students will understand that...

- music is reflective of the culture(s) that created it.
- music is always present in the surrounding world.
- music is a form of communication.
- music is a vehicle of personal expression, style, and taste.
- music is a language with its own syntax, structure, and rules.
- the creation of music fosters critical thinking.
- music making involves a set of behaviors that ensure quality of preparation and presentation.
- increasing technical skill and theoretical knowledge allows performers to better express the music and themselves.
- critique is essential to the music making process.
- performance skills are both physical and mental.

Essential Questions

- How do people/I use music as a way to communicate with others?
- How can music influence your emotions?
- In what ways can musical elements become the foundation of your own composition?
- How do I hone my skills and fine-tune my work?
- How does my individual effort affect the group effort?
- What is quality in a music ensemble and how do you attain it?
- What can be learned from observing, analyzing, and evaluating the performances of myself and others?

- Why is music an important part of any culture?
- How does my musical interpretation reflect my personal culture?
- How does music change over time and place?
- Does music have to be considered beautiful by everybody?
- How do artists make decisions about their music?
- What is the importance of being able to reach and comprehend music as a musician?

Exit Skills

By the end of Unit 4: Musicality/Theatre Arts, students should be able to...

- use rhythmic comprehension in syllabic sounding or words.
- compare the use of phonetic singing to phonics used to help pronunciation of new words.
- analyze the link between singing and patterns of speech.
- compare song structure to sentence structure.
- compare musical phrasing to sentence and story phrasing.

New Jersey Student Learning Standards (NJSLS)

VPA.1.1.5.B.1	Identify the elements of music in response to aural prompts and printed music notational systems.
VPA.1.1.5.B.2	Demonstrate the basic concepts of meter, rhythm, tonality, intervals, chords, and melodic and harmonic progressions, and differentiate basic structures.
VPA.1.1.5.B.CS1	Reading basic music notation contributes to musical fluency and literacy. Musical intelligence is related to ear training and listening skill, and temporal spatial reasoning ability is connected to listening skill.
VPA.1.1.5.B.CS2	The elements of music are building blocks denoting meter, rhythmic concepts, tonality, intervals, chords, and melodic and harmonic progressions, all of which contribute to musical literacy.
VPA.1.1.5.C.1	Evaluate the characteristics of a well-made play in a variety of scripts and performances.
VPA.1.1.5.C.2	Interpret the relationship between the actor's physical and vocal choices and an audience's perception of character development by identifying examples of vocal variety, stage business, concentration, and focus.
VPA.1.1.5.C.3	Analyze the use of technical theatrical elements to identify how time, place, mood, and theme are created.
VPA.1.1.5.C.4	Explain the function of sensory recall and apply it to character development.
VPA.1.2.5.A.2	Relate common artistic elements that define distinctive art genres in dance, music, theatre, and visual art.
VPA.1.3.5.B.1	Sing or play music from complex notation, using notation systems in treble and bass clef, mixed meter, and compound meter.
VPA.1.3.5.B.2	Sing melodic and harmonizing parts, independently and in groups, adjusting to the range and timbre of the developing voice.

VPA.1.3.5.B.3	Improvise and score simple melodies over given harmonic structures using traditional instruments and/or computer programs.
VPA.1.3.5.B.4	Decode how the elements of music are used to achieve unity and variety, tension and release, and balance in musical compositions.
VPA.1.3.5.B.CS1	Complex scores may include compound meters and the grand staff.
VPA.1.3.5.B.CS2	Proper vocal production and vocal placement improve vocal quality. Harmonizing requires singing ability and active listening skills. Individual voice ranges change with time.
VPA.1.3.5.B.CS3	Music composition is governed by prescribed rules and forms that apply to both improvised and scored music.
VPA.1.3.5.B.CS4	Decoding musical scores requires understanding of notation systems, the elements of music, and basic compositional concepts.

Interdisciplinary Connections

LA.RF.4.3.A	Use combined knowledge of all letter-sound correspondences, syllabication patterns, and morphology (e.g., roots and affixes) to read accurately unfamiliar multisyllabic words in context and out of context.
LA.RF.4.4.A	Read grade-level text with purpose and understanding.
LA.RF.4.4.B	Read grade-level prose and poetry orally with accuracy, appropriate rate, and expression.
LA.RF.4.4.C	Use context to confirm or self-correct word recognition and understanding, rereading as necessary.

Learning Objectives

In Unit 4: Musicality/Theatre Arts, students will demonstrate the ability to...

- count and interpret the aspects of rhythm.
- define Harmony.
- describe Musical Form.
- define all relevant Vocabulary.
- interpret the meaning of a piece of music.
- interpret music from various cultures.
- provide proper breath support to vocal production.
- identify various time signatures.
- identify the physiological make-up of the voice.
- transfer knowledge of music theory to learning a musical instrument.

Suggested Activities & Best Practices

- Use the recorder as a tool to play and create music.
- Sing songs in both canon to create harmony.
- Sing songs with musical expression such as breathing for appropriate phrasing and using dynamics.

Assessment Evidence - Checking for Understanding (CFU)

- Performance tasks will be used for assessment where students must perform a song both vocally and with the recorder (Benchmark)
- Think, Pair, Share will be used while listening to music as students discuss what they hear. (Formative)
- Create a self-assessment rubric about performing music that the students refer back to. (Formative/Summative)
- Listening Rubric (Summative)
- Apply knowledge about music in Written form (Alternative)

- Anticipation Guide (Formative)
- Common Benchmarks (Benchmark)
- Create a Multimedia Poster (Alternative)
- Entrance Tickets (Formative)
- Evaluation Rubrics (Summative)
- Exit Tickets (Formative)
- Fist- to-Five or Thumb-Ometer (Formative)
- Illustration (Alternative)
- Journals (Formative/Summative)
- KWL Chart (Formative)
- Learning Center Activities (Formative)
- Multimedia Reports (Alternative)
- Newspaper Headline (Alternative)
- Outline (Formative)
- Quickwrite (Formative)
- Quizzes (Summative)
- Red Light, Green Light (Formative)
- Self-Assessments (Formative)
- Socratic Seminar (Formative/Summative)
- Study Guide (Formative)
- Surveys (Formative)
- Teacher Observation Checklist (Formative)
- Think, Pair, Share (Formative)
- Think, Write, Pair, Share (Formative)
- Top 10 List (Formative)
- Unit Tests (Summative)
- Web-Based Assessments (Alternative)
- Written Reports (Alternative)

Primary Resources & Materials

- World of Music: Grade 4 - Silver Burdette Text Book

- World of Music: Grade 4 - Silver Burdette CD Set

Ancillary Resources

- Various Sheet Music
- Digital Recordings
- Online Media
- Orff Insruments

Technology Infusion

- SmartBoard or Projector and Computer
- Dallas Symphony Orchestra website
- Music Theory website
- Youtube
- Chromebooks and Google Apps



Alignment to 21st Century Skills & Technology

Mastery and infusion of **21st Century Skills & Technology** and their Alignment to the core content areas is essential to student learning. The core content areas include:

- English Language Arts;
- Mathematics;
- Science and Scientific Inquiry (Next Generation);
- Social Studies, including American History, World History, Geography, Government and Civics, and Economics;

- World languages;
- Technology;
- Visual and Performing Arts.

TECH.8.1.5.A.1	Select and use the appropriate digital tools and resources to accomplish a variety of tasks including solving problems.
TECH.8.1.5.A.CS2	Select and use applications effectively and productively.
TECH.8.1.5.B.CS2	Create original works as a means of personal or group expression.
TECH.8.1.5.D.1	Understand the need for and use of copyrights.
TECH.8.1.5.D.CS1	Advocate and practice safe, legal, and responsible use of information and technology.

21st Century Skills/Interdisciplinary Themes

- Communication and Collaboration
- Creativity and Innovation
- Critical thinking and Problem Solving
- ICT (Information, Communications and Technology) Literacy
- Information Literacy
- Life and Career Skills
- Media Literacy

CRP.K-12.CRP2.1	Career-ready individuals readily access and use the knowledge and skills acquired through experience and education to be more productive. They make connections between abstract concepts with real-world applications, and they make correct insights about when it is appropriate to apply the use of an academic skill in a workplace situation.
CRP.K-12.CRP3.1	Career-ready individuals understand the relationship between personal health, workplace performance and personal well-being; they act on that understanding to regularly practice healthy diet, exercise and mental health activities. Career-ready individuals also take regular action to contribute to their personal financial well-being, understanding that personal financial security provides the peace of mind required to contribute more fully to their own career success.
CRP.K-12.CRP4.1	Career-ready individuals communicate thoughts, ideas, and action plans with clarity, whether using written, verbal, and/or visual methods. They communicate in the workplace with clarity and purpose to make maximum use of their own and others' time. They are excellent writers; they master conventions, word choice, and organization, and use effective tone and presentation skills to articulate ideas. They are skilled at interacting with others; they are active listeners and speak clearly and with purpose. Career-ready individuals think about the audience for their communication and prepare accordingly to ensure the desired outcome.
CRP.K-12.CRP9.1	Career-ready individuals consistently act in ways that align personal and community-held ideals and principles while employing strategies to positively influence others in the workplace. They have a clear understanding of integrity and act on this understanding in every decision. They use a variety of means to positively impact the directions and actions of a team or organization, and they apply insights into human behavior to change others' action, attitudes and/or beliefs. They recognize the near-term and long-term effects that management's actions and attitudes can have on productivity, morals and organizational culture.

21st Century Skills

- Civic Literacy
- Environmental Literacy
- Financial, Economic, Business and Entrepreneurial Literacy
- Global Awareness
- Health Literacy

CAEP.9.2.4.A.4	Explain why knowledge and skills acquired in the elementary grades lay the foundation for future academic and career success.

Differentiation

- When working on expression directions will be given with the expression that the students will perform

Differentiation

- Small group instruction
- Small group assignments
- Extra time to complete assignments
- Pairing oral instruction with visuals
- Repeat directions
- Use manipulatives
- Center-based instruction
- Token economy
- Study guides
- Teacher reads assessments allowed
- Scheduled breaks
- Rephrase written directions
- Multisensory approaches
- Additional time
- Preview vocabulary
- Preview content & concepts
- Story guides
- Behavior management plan
- Highlight text
- Student(s) work with assigned partner
- Visual presentation
- Assistive technology
- Auditory presentations
- Large print edition
- Dictation to scribe
- Small group setting

Hi-Prep Differentiation

- Alternative formative and summative assessments
- Choice boards

- Games and tournaments
- Group investigations
- Guided Reading
- Independent research and projects
- Interest groups
- Learning contracts
- Leveled rubrics
- Literature circles
- Multiple intelligence options
- Multiple texts
- Personal agendas
- Project-based learning
- Problem-based learning
- Stations/centers
- Think-Tac-Toes
- Tiered activities/assignments
- Tiered products
- Varying organizers for instructions

Lo-Prep Differentiation

- Choice of books or activities
- Cubing activities
- Exploration by interest
- Flexible grouping
- Goal setting with students
- Jigsaw
- Mini workshops to re-teach or extend skills
- Open-ended activities
- Think-Pair-Share
- Reading buddies
- Varied journal prompts
- Varied supplemental materials

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

- Additional time will be given to students if needed when working on performance
- Modified instruments may be used for students if needed
- Hand-over-hand may be used as a technique when learning to play the recorder or other instruments.

- printed copy of board work/notes provided
- 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)

- Decreased amount of work such as when learning patterns they may do only a 1 measure pattern in melody rather than 2.
- Use of tutoring by peers or assistive technology when necessary if language is getting in the way of the students learning the concept.

- teaching key aspects of a topic. Eliminate nonessential information
- using videos, illustrations, pictures, and drawings to explain or clarif
- allowing products (projects, timelines, demonstrations, models, drawings, dioramas, poster boards, charts, graphs, slide shows, videos, etc.) to demonstrate student's learning;
- 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

- Use of graphic organizers to refer back to when working on a composition or class work that relates to music on the staff.
- Ability to correct errors when either playing or writing music.

- allowing students to correct errors (looking for understanding)
- teaching key aspects of a topic. Eliminate nonessential information
- allowing products (projects, timelines, demonstrations, models, drawings, dioramas, poster boards, charts, graphs, slide shows, videos, etc.) to demonstrate student's learning
- allowing students to select from given choices
- allowing the use of note cards or open-book during testing
- collaborating (general education teacher and specialist) to modify vocabulary, omit or modify items to reflect objectives for the student, eliminate sections of the test, and determine how the grade will be determined prior to giving the test.
- decreasing the amount of workpresented or required
- having peers take notes or providing a copy of the teacher's notes
- marking students' correct and acceptable work, not the mistakes
- 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)

- When working on creating music students will have the ability to use advanced techniques

- 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

For Sample Lesson see Unit 1: History and Culture

Unit Name:

NJSLS:

Interdisciplinary Connection:

Statement of Objective:

Anticipatory Set/Do Now:

Learning Activity:

Student Assessment/CFU's:

Materials:

21st Century Themes and Skills:

Differentiation/Modifications:

Integration of Technology: