

**Bedminster Township School District Curriculum**  
**Visual & Performing Arts - Instrumental Music Grades 5 - 8**  
**Unit 1: Basic Skills for Getting Started**

**Grades 5-8 Week 1 - 8**

**National Core Arts Standards**

**NJSLS Standard 1.3D Music: Harmonizing Instruments**  
**Anchor Standards #4, #5, #6 Performing/Presenting/Producing**

**Novice:**

MU:Pr6.1.H.5a Perform with expression and technical accuracy in individual performances of a varied repertoire of music that includes melodies, repertoire pieces, and chordal accompaniments, demonstrating understanding of the audience and the context.

**Intermediate:**

MU:Pr6.1.H.8a Perform with expression and technical accuracy in individual performances of a varied repertoire of music that includes melodies, repertoire pieces, and chordal accompaniments, demonstrating sensitivity to the audience and an understanding of the context (social , cultural , or historical).

**21st Century/ Technology/ Gifted D.I./Social Emotional Learning**

8.1.2.CS.1: Use of Computers, the Internet, & Videos with technology to enable students to better understand the proper Assembly and care of their musical instrument and/or proper playing position for their musical instrument.

8.1.2.CS.1: Use of Computers, the Internet, & Videos with technology to enable students to better understand the basic procedures for keeping the musical instrument in good playing condition and/or the proper effective hand position for ease and accuracy of fingering or sticking for their musical instrument.

**Social Emotional Learning**

Students will be encouraged to use the Social and Emotional Competencies which include: Self Awareness, Self Management, Social Awareness, Responsible Decision Making, and Relationship Skills while learning to play, practice and perform individually and/or in groups on their musical instruments.

**Unit Rationale**

Students will learn the Basic Skills needed for Getting Started with their musical instrument which will include:

**Beginner (Novice)**

- Proper Assembly and care of their musical instrument.
- Proper playing position for their musical instrument.

**Intermediate & Advanced**

- Demonstrate basic procedures for keeping the instrument in good playing condition.
- Demonstrate effective hand position for ease and accuracy of fingering or sticking.

**Enduring Understandings**

**Beginner (Novice)**

Students will learn about the parts of their musical instruments and how to properly identify, assemble and care for them.

**Essential Questions**

**Beginner (Novice)**

What do I need to know about my musical instrument to get started?

How do I hold and get ready to play my musical instrument?

<p>Students will learn the proper posture needed to play their musical instrument.</p> <p><b><u>Intermediate &amp; Advanced</u></b></p> <p>Students will understand the basic procedures for keeping instruments in good playing condition.</p> <p>Students will understand good hand position for ease and accuracy of fingering or sticking.</p>	<p><b><u>Intermediate &amp; Advanced</u></b></p> <p>How should I take care of my instrument so it plays well?</p> <p>What is the best way to hold, finger, stick or play my instrument?</p>
<p><b>Content</b></p> <p><b><u>Basic Skills for Getting Started</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Beginner (Novice)</u></b></p> <p>A. The Instrument</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Identifying parts of the instrument</li> <li>2. Assembling the instrument</li> <li>3. Caring for the instrument</li> <li>4. Reed Instruments: Choosing and caring for reeds*</li> </ol> <p>B. Playing Posture</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Using proper playing posture: body, arm, hand, and finger positions</li> <li>2. Woodwind &amp; Brass: properly support the instrument while sitting or standing to play</li> </ol> <p><b><u>Intermediate &amp; Advanced</u></b></p> <p>A. The Instrument</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Demonstrate basic procedures for keeping instruments in good playing condition.</li> </ul> <p>B. Playing Posture</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Demonstrate effective hand position for ease and accuracy of fingering or sticking.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Skills</b></p> <p><b><u>Bloom's Taxonomy</u></b></p> <p>Students will be able to successfully:</p> <p><b><u>Beginner (Novice)</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identify the parts of their instrument</li> <li>• Assemble their instrument</li> <li>• Demonstrate how to properly care for their instrument</li> <li>• *Choose and care for reeds appropriately (if required)</li> <li>• Demonstrate proper posture and playing position for their instrument</li> <li>• Demonstrate proper breath support for their instrument</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Intermediate &amp; Advanced</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Demonstrate basic procedures for keeping instruments in good playing condition.</li> <li>• Demonstrate effective hand position for ease and accuracy of fingering or sticking.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Assessments</b></p> <p><b>Performance Assessment</b></p> <p><b>Benchmark Assessment:</b> Teacher will observe and evaluate individual's proper assembly and care of their musical instrument.</p> <p><b>Benchmark Assessment:</b> Teacher will observe and evaluate individual's proper playing position for their musical instrument.</p> <p><b>Formative:</b> Teacher will evaluate beginner instrumentalists' proper assembly and care and proper playing position for their musical instrument.</p> <p><b>Formative:</b> Teacher will evaluate intermediate and advanced instrumentalists for basic procedures for keeping instruments in good playing condition and effective hand position for ease and accuracy of fingering or sticking.</p> <p><b>Summative:</b> Teacher will evaluate beginner instrumentalists' proper assembly and care and proper playing position for their musical instrument.</p>	

Teacher will evaluate intermediate and advanced instrumentalists for basic procedures for keeping instruments in good playing condition and effective hand position for ease and accuracy of fingering or sticking.

**Alternative Assessments:** Teacher may modify and/or adjust the procedure or method of instrument assembly or directions for care of the instruments to better meet the needs of the students; which may include: (S.E., G&T, ELL, At-risk & 504 Students, as needed).

**Resources**

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Conductor Score

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Lesson Books

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Musical Instruments

Instructional Music Videos

**Reflections**

*What worked well? What needs to be improved? What resources do you need or recommend?*

**Visual & Performing Arts - Instrumental Music Grades 5-8  
Unit 2 Tone Production**

**Grades 5-8 Week 1 - Week 15**

**National Core Arts Standards**

**NJSLS Standard 1.3D Music: Harmonizing Instruments**

**Anchor Standards #4, #5, #6 Performing/Presenting/Producing**

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**21st Century/ Technology/ Gifted D.I./Social Emotional Learning**

8.1.2.CS.1: Use of Computers, the Internet, Electronic Tuners, Electronic Keyboards, Recordings & Videos with technology to enable students to better understand, identify and interpret musical pitch through performance as well as written music/notation that is characteristic of the range of their musical instrument.

**Social Emotional Learning**

Students will be encouraged to use the Social and Emotional Competencies which include: Self Awareness, Self Management, Social Awareness, Responsible Decision Making, and Relationship Skills while learning to play, practice and perform individually and/or in groups on their musical instruments.

**Unit Rationale**

**Beginner (Novice)**

Students will learn the basic skills and concepts necessary to learn how to play and make a sound on their musical instrument. Students will become familiar with the ideas of tone quality, pitch and intonation as they learn to improve their tone production.

**Intermediate & Advanced**

Students will learn to recognize and produce good tone quality on their musical instrument.

Students will learn to play one octave scales characteristic for their instrument.

Students will demonstrate an increased awareness of playing their instrument "in-tune" along with demonstrating ways to "tune" their instrument.

**Enduring Understandings**

**Beginner (Novice)**

Students will learn the basic skills and concepts necessary to learn how to play and make a sound (tone/ or note), on their musical instrument.

Students will learn how to use breath support and a good embouchure to improve tone quality on their musical instrument.

Students will learn which notes, (pitches), they are playing and learn to identify them as flat, sharp, or natural.

**Essential Questions**

**Beginner (Novice)**

How do I play a note, (make a tone), on my musical instrument?

What are the (notes) pitches I am playing?

How do I play in tune?

Students will learn how to play their musical instruments in-tune.

**Intermediate & Advanced**

Students will learn to recognize and produce good tone quality on their musical instrument.

Students will learn to play one octave scales characteristic for their instrument.

Students will demonstrate an increased awareness of playing their instrument "in-tune" along with demonstrating ways to "tune" their instrument.

**Intermediate & Advanced**

How do I play good tone quality on my musical instrument?

How do I play a one octave scale on my musical instrument?

How do I "tune" my musical instrument?

**Content**

**Tone Production**

**Beginner (Novice)**

A. Tone Quality

1. Produce sounds demonstrating characteristic tone quality using correct embouchure
2. Demonstrate awareness of ways to improve tone production
3. Woodwinds & Brass: use proper breathing techniques
4. Woodwinds & Brass: playing with a good embouchure

B. Pitch

1. Identify basic pitches and basic notes used on the instrument
2. Identify and define flat, sharp, & natural signs
3. Identify and play in the key of Concert Bb

C. Tuning & Intonation

1. Learn how to identify playing pitch as in-tune or out-of tune
2. Learn how to identify playing pitch as flat(lower pitch) or sharp(higher pitch)
3. Learn to tune to a given pitch
4. Woodwinds & Brass: Improve intonation by learning to make appropriate adjustments in embouchure, posture, & breath support.

**Skills**

**Bloom's Taxonomy**

Students will demonstrate an understanding of how to correctly Produce Tones in Instrumental Music in the following ways:

**Beginner (Novice)**

A. Tone Quality

1. Demonstrating how to produce characteristic tone quality by learning to use the correct embouchure
2. Demonstrating awareness of ways to improve tone production
3. Woodwinds & Brass: using proper breathing techniques
4. Woodwinds & Brass: playing with a good embouchure

B. Pitch

1. Identifying basic pitches and b notes used on the instrument
2. Identifying and defining flat, sharp, & natural signs
3. Identify and playing in the key of Concert Bb

C. Tuning & Intonation

1. Learning how to identify playing pitch as in-tune or out-of tune
2. Learning how to identify playing pitch as flat(lower pitch) or sharp(higher pitch)
3. Learning to tune to a given pitch
4. Woodwinds & Brass: Improving intonation by learning to make appropriate adjustments in embouchure, posture, & breath support.

**Intermediate & Advanced**

A. Tone Quality

1. Learn to recognize and produce good tone quality on their musical instruments.

**Intermediate & Advanced**

A. Tone Quality

1. Learning to recognize and produce good tone quality on their musical instrument.

B. Pitch

<p><b>B. Pitch</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Learn to play one octave scales in the key of Concert Bb major and scales characteristic for their instrument.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Playing one octave scales in the key of Concert Bb major and scales characteristic for their instrument.</li> </ol>
<p><b>C. Tuning &amp; Intonation</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Demonstrate an increased awareness of playing their instrument "in-tune."</li> <li>Demonstrate ways to "tune" their instrument.</li> </ol>	<p><b>C. Tuning &amp; Intonation</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Demonstrating an increased awareness of playing their instrument "in-tune."</li> <li>Demonstrating ways to "tune" their instrument.</li> </ol>

**Assessments**

**Performance Assessment**

**Benchmark Assessment:** Teacher will observe and evaluate beginner instrumental music student's ability to play pitches/tones/notes as well as their ability to learn basic notes on their musical instruments at the beginning of the student's course of study.

**Benchmark Assessment:** Teacher will observe and evaluate intermediate and advanced instrumental music student's ability to play individual's ability to play all pitches/tones/notes within a prescribed range for their musical instrument at a developmentally appropriate level.

**Formative:** Teacher will evaluate beginner instrumentalists' ability to play pitches/notes as well as their ability to learn basic notes on their musical instruments. Emphasis will be on learning to play the tones/notes "in tune."

**Formative:** Teacher will evaluate intermediate and advanced instrumentalists' ability to play all pitches within a prescribed range for their musical instrument at a developmentally appropriate level. Emphasis will be on learning to play the tones/notes "in tune."

**Summative:** Teacher will evaluate beginner instrumentalists' ability to successfully play pitches/notes in instrumental music classes, lessons and performances. Emphasis will be on learning to play the tones/notes "in tune."

**Summative:**

Teacher will evaluate intermediate and advanced instrumentalists' ability to successfully play all pitches within a prescribed range for their musical instrument, while remaining developmentally appropriate, as well as successfully play one octave scales in the key of Concert Bb major in instrumental music classes, lessons and performances. Emphasis will be on learning to play the notes "in tune."

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Instructional Music Videos

Bruce Pearson - Standard of Excellence Music

**Reflections**

*What worked well? What needs to be improved? What resources do you need or recommend?*

**Visual & Performing Arts - Instrumental Music Grades 5-8  
Unit 3 Pitch****Grades 5-8 Week 1 - Week 38****National Core Arts Standards****NJSLS Standard 1.3D Music: Harmonizing Instruments****Anchor Standards #4, #5, #6 Performing/Presenting/Producing****Novice:**

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**Unit Rationale****Beginner (Novice)**

Students will develop an understanding of musical pitch.

Students will learn how to identify and interpret musical pitch through performance as well as written music/notation.

**Intermediate & Advanced**

Students will learn to read and play more pitches/notes characteristic of the range of their musical instrument while remaining developmentally appropriate.

**Enduring Understandings**

Students will develop an understanding of musical pitch.

Students will learn how to identify and interpret musical pitch through:

**Essential Questions****Beginner (Novice)**

What is pitch in music?

How will I play music and know which pitch(es) I am playing?

<p><b><u>Beginner (Novice)</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Performance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• playing pitches - learning notes</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Learning to read written music/notation</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Intermediate &amp; Advanced</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Performance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• play more pitches/notes characteristic of the range of their musical instrument while remaining developmentally appropriate.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Learning to read more written music/notation characteristic of the range of their musical instrument while remaining developmentally appropriate.</li> </ul>	<p>How will I read notes/music?</p> <p><b><u>Intermediate &amp; Advanced</u></b></p> <p>What is the range of my musical instrument?</p> <p>Will I learn any new notes in my music and/or on my instrument?</p>
<p><b>Content</b></p> <p><b><u>Beginner (Novice)</u></b></p> <p>Students will develop an understanding of musical pitch.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pitch is the specific highness or lowness of a tone in relation to a note in a scale.</li> </ul> <p>Students will learn how to identify and interpret musical pitch through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Performance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• playing pitches - learning notes</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Learning to read written music/notation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• lines &amp; spaces on the staff - treble clef and/or bass clef</li> <li>• accidentals: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• sharps, flats, naturals</li> </ul> </li> <li>• key signature: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• concert Bb</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>• Listening to pitches and music</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Intermediate &amp; Advanced</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Performance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Play all pitches within a prescribed range for their musical instrument, while remaining developmentally appropriate</li> <li>• Learn to play new notes in music and/or on my instrument</li> <li>• Learn to play one octave scales in the key of Concert Bb major</li> <li>• Learn to play scales characteristic for their instrument when developmentally appropriate</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Learn the range of their musical instruments.</li> <li>• Learning to read intermediate level written music/notation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• key signatures: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• concert Bb, Eb, &amp; F</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>• Listening to new pitches and music</li> </ul>	<p><b>Skills</b></p> <p><b><u>Bloom's Taxonomy</u></b></p> <p>Students will demonstrate an understanding of musical pitch by:</p> <p><b><u>Beginner (Novice)</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• playing pitches on musical instruments</li> <li>• learning to play notes</li> <li>• learning to read written music/notes/notation</li> <li>• listening to pitches and music</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Intermediate &amp; Advanced</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Playing all pitches within a prescribed range for their musical instrument, while remaining developmentally appropriate</li> <li>• learning to play new notes in music and/or on my instrument</li> <li>• learning to play one octave scales in the key of Concert Bb major</li> <li>• learn to play scales characteristic for their instrument when developmentally appropriate</li> <li>• learning the range of their musical instruments.</li> <li>• learning to read intermediate level written music/notation</li> <li>• understanding key signatures:</li> <li>• listening to new pitches and music</li> </ul>

## Assessments

### Performance Assessment

**Benchmark Assessment:** Teacher will observe and evaluate beginner instrumental music student's ability to play pitches/notes as well as their ability to learn basic notes on their musical instruments at the beginning of the student's course of study.

**Benchmark Assessment:** Teacher will observe and evaluate intermediate and instrumental music student's ability to play individual's ability to play all pitches within a prescribed range for their musical instrument at a developmentally appropriate level.

**Formative:** Teacher will evaluate beginner instrumentalists' ability to play pitches/notes as well as their ability to learn basic notes on their musical instruments.

**Formative:** Teacher will evaluate intermediate and advanced instrumentalists' ability to play all pitches within a prescribed range for their musical instrument at a developmentally appropriate level.

**Summative:** Teacher will evaluate beginner instrumentalists' ability to successfully play pitches/notes in instrumental music classes, lessons and performances.

### Summative:

Teacher will evaluate intermediate and advanced instrumentalists' ability to successfully play all pitches within a prescribed range for their musical instrument, while remaining developmentally appropriate, as well as successfully play one octave scales in the key of Concert Bb major in instrumental music classes, lessons and performances.

**Alternative Assessments:** Teacher may modify and/or adjust the scale, part of the scale, song, part of the song, or difficulty level of the song, to better meet the needs of the students; which may include: (S.E., G&T, ELL, At-risk & 504 Students, as needed).

## Resources

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Lesson Books

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Conductor Score

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Lesson Books

Sheet Music and Music for Concerts and/or Parades

Recorded examples of music

Musical Instruments

Electronic Tuners

## Reflections

*What worked well? What needs to be improved? What resources do you need or recommend?*

**Visual & Performing Arts - Instrumental Music 5-8**  
**Unit 4 Melody**

**Grades 5-8 Week 1 - Week 38**

**National Core Arts Standards**

**NJSLS Standard 1.3D Music: Harmonizing Instruments**

**Anchor Standards #1, #2, #3 Creating**

**Anchor Standards #4, #5, #6 Performing/Presenting/Producing**

**Novice:**

MU:Cr1.1.H.5a Generate melodic, rhythmic, and harmonic ideas for simple melodies (such as two phrase) and chordal accompaniments for given melodies.

MU:Cr2.1.H.5a Select, develop, and use standard notation or audio/video recording to document melodic, rhythmic, and harmonic ideas for drafts of simple melodies (such as two-phrase) and chordal accompaniments for given melodies.

MU:Cr3.1.H.5a Apply teacher-provided criteria to critique, improve, and refine drafts of simple melodies (such as two-phrase) and chordal accompaniments for given melodies.

MU:Cr3.2.H.5a Share final versions of simple melodies (such as two-phrase) and chordal accompaniments for given melodies, demonstrating an understanding of how to develop and organize personal musical ideas.

MU:Pr4.1.H.5a Describe and demonstrate how a varied repertoire of music that includes melodies, repertoire pieces, and chordal accompaniments is selected, based on personal interest, music reading skills, and technical skill, as well as the context of the performances.

MU:Pr6.1.H.5a Perform with expression and technical accuracy in individual performances of a varied repertoire of music that includes melodies, repertoire pieces, and chordal accompaniments, demonstrating understanding of the audience and the context.

**Intermediate:**

MU:Cr2.1.H.8a Select, develop, and use standard notation and audio/video recording to document melodic, rhythmic, and harmonic ideas for drafts of melodies (created over specified chord progressions or AB / ABA forms) and two-to-three -chord accompaniments for given melodies.

MU:Cr3.1.H.8a Apply teacher-provided criteria to critique, improve, and refine drafts of melodies (created over specified chord progressions or AB / ABA forms) and two-to-three -chord accompaniments for given melodies.

MU:Cr3.2.H.8a Share final versions of melodies (created over specified chord progressions or AB / ABA forms) and two-to-three -chord accompaniments for given melodies, demonstrating an understanding of how to develop and organize personal musical ideas.

MU:Pr4.1.H.8a Describe and demonstrate how a varied repertoire of music that includes melodies, repertoire pieces, and chordal accompaniments is selected, based on personal interest, music reading skills, and technical skill, as well as the context of the performances.

MU:Pr6.1.H.8a Perform with expression and technical accuracy in individual performances of a varied repertoire of music that includes melodies, repertoire pieces, and chordal accompaniments, demonstrating sensitivity to the audience and an understanding of the context (social , cultural , or historical )

## 21st Century/ Technology/ Gifted D.I./Social Emotional Learning

8.1.2.CS.1: Use of Computers, the Internet, Recordings & Videos with technology to enable students to better understand how to read music and musical notation that will enable them to successfully play their instruments individually and in ensembles.

### Social Emotional Learning

Students will be encouraged to use the Social and Emotional Competencies which include: Self Awareness, Self Management, Social Awareness, Responsible Decision Making, and Relationship Skills while learning to play, practice and perform individually and/or in groups on their musical instruments.

### **Unit Rationale**

Students will develop an understanding of melody in music.

Students will learn how melodic phrases can move upward and downward in steps, skips, and leaps, through performance as well as written music/notation.

### **Enduring Understandings**

Students will learn that Melody is a tune, or musical succession of tones.

The recognizable tune to a song.

Students will learn how melodic phrases can move upward and downward in steps, skips, and leaps, through performance as well as written music/notation.

### **Essential Questions**

What is melody in music?

How can I play a melody or tune on my instrument?

How can I read music or notation to play a song or tune?

### **Content**

Students will learn that Melody is a tune, or musical succession of tones.

The recognizable tune to a song.

Students will learn:

- To define and play melodic phrases and breath marks
- To recognize melodic phrases that move upward and downward in steps, skips, and leaps:
  - through reading musical notation
  - through playing musical examples
  - through listening to musical examples
- To play melodic phrases that move upward and downward in steps, skips, and leaps, through performance as well as written music/notation.
- To play by ear, familiar tunes which demonstrate technical and musical skills previously introduced
- To define and recognize formal musical organizations:
  - theme
  - theme and variations
  - round
  - introduction

### **Skills**

#### Bloom's Taxonomy

Students will demonstrate an understanding of melody by:

- playing melodic phrases and breath marks
- recognizing melodic phrases that move upward and downward in steps, skips, and leaps:
  - through reading musical notation
  - through playing musical examples
  - through listening to musical examples
- playing melodic phrases that move upward and downward in steps, skips, and leaps, through performance as well as reading written music/notation.
- playing by ear, familiar tunes which demonstrate technical and musical skills previously introduced
- defining and recognizing formal musical organizations:
  - theme
  - theme and variations
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  - introduction

### **Assessments**

#### **Performance Assessment**

**Benchmark Assessment:** Teacher will evaluate individuals understanding of how to recognize and play melodic phrases that move upward and downward in steps, skips, and leaps, while reading music and musical notation that will

enable them to successfully play their instruments at the beginning of the learning of new songs to see where areas for growth appear during instrumental music classes and lessons.

**Formative:** Teacher will evaluate individuals understanding of how to recognize and play melodic phrases that move upward and downward in steps, skips, and leaps, while reading music and musical notation that will enable them to successfully play their instruments through assessment of performances of different sections of songs during instrumental music classes and lessons.

**Summative:** Evaluation of a successful performance by an individual and/or group of a section or entire song which demonstrates recognition and an understanding of how to play melodic phrases that move upward and downward in steps, skips, and leaps, while reading music and musical notation that will enable them to successfully play their instruments.

**Alternative Assessments:** Teacher may simplify and/or modify the melody in the song or part of the song; teacher may modify and/or adjust the song, part of the song, or difficulty level of the song, to better meet the needs of the students; which may include: (S.E., G&T, ELL, At-risk & 504 Students, as needed).

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Instructional Music Videos

SMARTMUSIC Interactive Music Software

## Reflections

*What worked well? What needs to be improved? What resources do you need or recommend?*

## Visual & Performing Arts - Instrumental Music Grades 5-8 Unit 5 Rhythm

### Grades 5-8 Week 1 - Week 38

#### **National Core Arts Standards**

**NJSLS Standard 1.3D Music: Harmonizing Instruments**

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**Unit Rationale**

**Beginner (Novice)**

Rhythm is a basic Element of Music which is important to reading music, singing music, and playing music with instruments

Rhythm is a patterned recurrence of a beat in music. This pattern provides movement to the music.

Students need to understand Rhythm in order to successfully participate in learning to read music and play an instrument.

**Intermediate & Advanced**

Students will learn how to count and perform rhythm patterns that are characteristic to their developmental abilities.

**Enduring Understandings**

Students will understand:

**Essential Questions**

<p><b><u>Beginner (Novice)</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Rhythm is a patterned recurrence of a beat in music. This pattern provides movement to the music.</li> <li>● Rhythm is also a combination of note values and rest values that can be counted and performed.</li> <li>● How to count and read basic note values and rest values which are developmentally appropriate.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Intermediate &amp; Advanced</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● How to count and perform rhythm patterns that are characteristic to their developmental abilities.</li> <li>● How to learn to read, count and perform more complex rhythm patterns.</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>Beginner (Novice)</u></b></p> <p>What is rhythm in music?</p> <p>How do we count and read rhythm in music?</p> <p><b><u>Intermediate &amp; Advanced</u></b></p> <p>How should I count and perform more complex rhythm patterns I may find in my music?</p>
<p><b><u>Rhythm - definition</u></b></p> <p><b>Content</b></p> <p>Students will be able to:</p> <p><b><u>Beginner (Novice)</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Define rhythm</li> <li>● Counting and reading basic note values and rest values which are developmentally appropriate: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Count and perform rhythm patterns combining various notes and rests</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Tapping or clapping rhythm</li> <li>● Playing rhythm on instruments</li> <li>● Define and Perform in Common Time 4/4, 3/4, and 2/4 time signatures</li> <li>● Count and Perform rhythm patterns incorporating ties</li> <li>● Replicate and conduct patterns used in 4/4, 3/4, and 2/4 meter</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Intermediate &amp; Advanced</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Count and Perform rhythm patterns that are characteristic to their developmental abilities. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● These rhythm patterns may incorporate: whole notes, 1/2, 1/4, 1/8, &amp; 1/16 notes &amp; rests, as well as syncopation &amp; dotted eighth notes</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Define and Perform in Cut Time 3/8 &amp; 6/8 time signatures.</li> <li>● Read &amp; Perform rhythm patterns incorporating syncopation</li> <li>● Learn how to read, count and perform more complex rhythm patterns.</li> <li>● Replicate and conduct the one-beat, two beat, three-beat, four-beat, &amp; six-beat patterns.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Skills</b></p> <p><b><u>Bloom's Taxonomy</u></b></p> <p>Students will demonstrate an understanding of rhythm in the following ways:</p> <p><b><u>Beginner (Novice)</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● defining rhythm</li> <li>● counting and reading basic note values and rest values which are developmentally appropriate</li> <li>● tapping or clapping rhythm</li> <li>● playing rhythm on instruments</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Intermediate &amp; Advanced</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● counting and perform rhythm patterns</li> <li>● learning to read more complex rhythm patterns</li> <li>● counting and performing more complex rhythm patterns</li> <li>● conducting rhythm patterns in various meter</li> <li>● reading, counting and performing syncopation</li> <li>● defining and performing in cut-time, 3/8 7 6/8 time signatures</li> </ul>
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staff paper

conductor's baton (\*optional)

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## Visual & Performing Arts - Instrumental Music Grades 5-8 Unit 6 Instrumental Techniques

### Grades 5-8 Week 1 - Week 38

#### National Core Arts Standards

**NJSLS Standard 1.3D Music: Harmonizing Instruments**

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**Unit Rationale:**

Students will learn necessary Instrumental Techniques, (skills), for their specific instrument that will enable them to successfully play their instruments

**Enduring Understandings**

Students will understand that different instruments have different Instrumental Techniques, (Skills), that must be learned for their specific instrument.

Learning these specific skills/techniques will enable them to successfully play their instruments.

**Essential Questions**

What do I need to know about my musical instrument to be able to play it successfully?

**Content**

**Skills**  
Bloom's Taxonomy

## Instrumental Techniques:

### A. Woodwind & Brass Technique

1. Proper Techniques for the attack and release of sounds:
  - tongue
  - accent
  - slur
2. Brass: demonstrate slurs on consecutive harmonics
  - lip slurs
3. Trombone: demonstrate legato tonguing and slide slurs

### B. Percussion Technique

1. Demonstrate proper technique when playing percussion instruments
2. Snare Drum:
  - Begin to learn how to play rudiments
  - Begin to learn how to play rolls
  - Begin to learn how to play rim shots
3. Mallet Percussion:
  - Begin to learn how to play rolls
  - Begin to learn how to play double stops (2 notes together)

Students will demonstrate an understanding of the Instrumental Techniques for their specific instrument by:

1. demonstrating proper techniques for attacking and releasing sounds in the following ways for Woodwind & Brass instruments:
  - tonguing
  - accenting
  - slurring
2. demonstrate slurring on consecutive harmonics for Brass instruments
  - lip slurs
3. demonstrate legato tonguing and slide slurs on Trombone
4. demonstrating proper technique when playing percussion instruments
5. playing rudiments, rolls, and rim shots on Snare Drum
6. playing rolls and double stops on Mallet Percussion

## **Assessments**

### **Performance Assessment**

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Fingering charts

Trill charts

Musical Instruments

Instructional Music Videos

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**Reflections**

*What worked well? What needs to be improved? What resources do you need or recommend?*

**Visual & Performing Arts - Instrumental Music Grades 5-8  
Unit 7: Music Reading & Notation**

**Grades 5-8 Week 1 - Week 38**

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## **Unit Rationale**

Understanding how to Read Music & Notation will enable music students to gain the skills necessary to enjoy learning to play/make music on their own, as well as being able to participate in music performance ensembles like band, orchestra or jazz ensemble.

<p><b>Enduring Understandings</b></p> <p>Students will understand that learning to read music is a key to successfully learning to play/make music on their own.</p> <p>Reading music and musical notation is an important skill necessary to be able to participate in music performance ensembles such as band, orchestra or jazz ensemble.</p>	<p><b>Essential Questions</b></p> <p>How will I learn to read music or understand musical notation?</p>
<p><b>Content</b></p> <p>Students learn how to read music and musical notation.</p> <p>Students will use the following materials to learn how to read music and musical notation to successfully learn to play/make music on their own:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Instrumental Music Method Books</li> <li>● Sheet Music</li> <li>● Music for Concerts and/or Parades</li> </ul> <p>Students will learn to write simple notation using:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● notes</li> <li>● rests</li> <li>● musical symbols previously introduced</li> </ul>	<p><b>Skills</b> <u>Bloom's Taxonomy</u></p> <p>Students will demonstrate an understanding of how to read music and musical notation by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● successfully playing music from their: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Instrumental Music Method Books</li> <li>● Sheet Music</li> <li>● Music for Concerts and/or Parades</li> </ul> </li> <li>● successfully reading music from their: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Instrumental Music Method Books</li> <li>● Sheet Music</li> <li>● Music for Concerts and/or Parades</li> </ul> </li> <li>● writing simple notation which may include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● notes, rests, and musical symbols previously introduced</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
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Instructional Music Videos

SMARTMUSIC Interactive Music Software

Metronomes

**Reflections**

*What worked well? What needs to be improved? What resources do you need or recommend?*

**Visual & Performing Arts - Instrumental Music Grades 5-8  
Unit 8 Symbols & Terms**

**Grades 5-8 Week 1 - Week 38**

**National Core Arts Standards**

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### **Unit Rationale**

Students will learn basic Musical Symbols & Terms to in order to successfully play a musical instrument.

#### **Enduring Understandings**

Students will understand that knowing basic Musical Symbols & Terms will help them learn to successfully play a musical instrument.

These Symbols & Terms will include:

- basic music vocabulary & symbols
- variations in dynamics
- variations in tempo

#### **Essential Questions**

What Musical Symbols & Terms would be helpful to know in order to successfully play a musical instrument?

#### **Content**

Students will learn basic Musical Symbols & Terms that will help them learn to successfully play a musical instrument.

Students will learn to define these terms & symbols and interpret them through performance.

These Symbols & Terms will include:

- basic music vocabulary & symbols:
  - Repeat sign, solo/soli, tutti, divisi, unison, accent, 1st & 2nd endings, one measure repeat sign, long rest, D.C.al Fine
- variations in dynamics:
  - piano, mezzo piano, mezzo forte, forte, crescendo & decrescendo
- variations in tempo:
  - Largo, Andante, Moderato, Allegro, Ritardando

#### **Skills**

##### **Bloom's Taxonomy**

Students will be able to demonstrate an understanding of musical Symbols & Terms by:

- defining musical symbols & terms
- explaining vocabulary for musical symbols & terms for dynamics
- explaining vocabulary for musical symbols & terms for tempo
- playing/performing musical examples of musical symbols & terms on instruments
- identify musical symbols & terms through listening to recorded examples of music

### **Assessments**

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## Visual & Performing Arts - Instrumental Music 5-8 Unit 9 Performance

### Grades 5-8 Week 1 - Week 38

#### **National Core Arts Standards**

**NJSLS Standard 1.3D Music: Harmonizing Instruments**

**Anchor Standards #1, #2, #3 Creating**

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Will I be able to play my instrument successfully?

Will I be able to play my instrument with a group?

**Content**

Students will successfully play their musical instruments.

**Skills**

**Bloom's Taxonomy**

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**Unit 10 Music and the LGBTQ Community**

**Grades 5-8 Week 1 - Week 38 (Infused in the Curriculum)**

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### **Unit Rationale**

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Will I be able to play my instrument successfully?

Will I be able to play my instrument with a group?

### Content

Students will be provided with the opportunity to listen to, discuss, explore, investigate and/or successfully play their musical instruments to perform music with weather related themes or moods. Some examples of these songs may include, but are not limited to: "Spring" and "Autumn" from "The Four Seasons", by Vivaldi. "Flash Flood" by Chris Bernotas, "Wizards in Winter" by TransSiberian Orchestra.

Students will be encouraged to work collaboratively with their science teacher, music teacher and peers to listen to learn and investigate how climate change affects weather. Music students will be encouraged to use their findings to modify or use musical elements to "change the climate" in weather related songs they may perform on their musical instruments. ***"Climate Change" modified musical selection.***

Listeners will be encouraged to find the differences and reflect on how climate change can affect us and our environment, possibly inspiring action.

### Skills

#### Bloom's Taxonomy

Students will:

- be provided with the opportunity to listen to, discuss, explore, investigate and/or successfully play their musical instruments to perform music with weather related themes or moods
- be encouraged to work collaboratively with their science teacher, music teacher and peers to listen to learn and investigate how climate change affects weather
- be encouraged to use their findings to modify or use musical elements to "change the climate" in weather related songs they may perform on their musical instruments. ***"Climate Change" modified musical selection.***

Students will successfully play their musical instruments.

Students will demonstrate the skills they have learned from:

- Teacher Instruction
- Peer Instruction
- Instrumental Music Method Books
- Sheet Music

All students will be encouraged to participate in an Instrumental Music Ensemble where they can experience the joy and success of performing as a member of an ensemble such as Band, Orchestra or Jazz Ensemble.

Students may demonstrate their performance skills in one or more of the following ways:

- Concert
- Assembly
- Recital
- Show
- Parade

- encourage listeners to find the differences and reflect on how climate change can affect us and our environment, possibly inspiring action.

- Successfully play their musical instruments
- Demonstrate the skills they have learned through performance
- Participate in an Instrumental Music Ensemble
  - such as Band, Orchestra or Jazz Ensemble
- Experience the joy, success, and camaraderie of participating in an Instrumental Music Ensemble such as Band, Orchestra or Jazz Ensemble.

## Assessments

### Performance Assessment

#### Benchmark:

Teacher will observe students' individual and/or group ensemble playing/performance on their musical instrument(s), at the beginning of the learning of new songs to see where areas for growth appear.

#### Formative: Performance: Rehearsals

Teachers will observe students' individual and/or group ensemble performances on their musical instrument(s).

Teachers will observe students' individual and/or group work as they listen to, discuss, explore, investigate and/or successfully play their musical instruments to perform music with weather related themes or moods.

#### Summative: Performance: Recital

Teachers will observe students' individual and/or group ensemble performances of their ***"Climate Change" modified musical selection*** on their musical instrument(s).

Students may demonstrate their performance skills in one or more of the following ways:

- Concert
- Assembly
- Recital
- Show
- Parade
- Performance of a ***"Climate Change" modified musical selection.***

**Alternative Assessments:** Teacher may simplify and/or modify the song or part of the song to be performed as a solo or ensemble piece. Teachers may modify and/or adjust the song, part of the song, or difficulty level of the song, to better meet the needs of the students; which may include: (S.E., G&T, ELL, At-risk & 504 Students, as needed).

## Resources

Recorded examples of music

Some examples of these songs may include, but are not limited to:

**"Spring" and "Autumn" from "The Four Seasons", by Vivaldi.**

**"Flash Flood" by Chris Bernotas.**

**"Wizards in Winter" by TransSiberian Orchestra.**

Sheet Music and music for Concerts and/or Parades

Supplemental Music and Materials

Musical Instruments

Computers & the Internet and other audio & video recordings and other multi media sources for:  
Performers, Composers, Arrangers, Conductors, Music related Careers.

**Reflections**

*What worked well? What needs to be improved? What resources do you need or recommend?*

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