Branchburg Township Public Schools

Office of Curriculum and Instruction

Grade 4 Music Curriculum



Adopted by the Board of Education September 2023

This curriculum is aligned with the 2020 New Jersey Student Learning Standards in Visual & Performing Arts

Curriculum Scope and Sequence			
Content Area	Vocal Music	Course Title/Grade Level:	Grade 4

Topic/Unit Name		Suggested Pacing (Days/Weeks)
Topic/Unit #1	Singing/vocal performance	8 days
Topic/Unit #2	Listening and responding	5 days
Topic/Unit #3	Instrumental performance	8 days
Topic/Unit #4	Reading and writing - melodic and rhythmic notation with	7 days
	expression marks	

Topic/Unit 1 Title	Singing/vocal performance		Approximate Pacing	8 days	
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NJSLS (VPA - Music)					
Explain connection 1.3A.5.Cr2a: Demo purpose and contex 1.3A.5.Pr4a: Demo as the students' teo 1.3A.5.Pr4b: Demo selected for perforr 1.3A.5.Pr4d: Expla 1.3A.5.Pr4e: Conve timbre, articulation/ 1.3A.5.Pr6a: Perforr 1.3A.5.Pr6b: Demon 1.3A.5.Re8a: Evalu	nstrate and explain how the selection of music to per chnical skill. nstrate an understanding of the structure and expar nance. n how context (e.g., personal, social, cultural, histor by creator's intents through the performers' interpret	I, historical). arrangements of rform is influen- ided music cond ical) informs pe ve decisions of ical accuracy a appropriate for	or compositions to express inter ced by personal interest, knowle cepts (e.g., rhythm, pitch, form, formances. expanded expressive qualities of nd appropriate interpretation.	nt. Explain connection to edge and context as wel harmony) in music (e.g., dynamics, tempo,	
	Interdisciplings, Connections,				
	Interdisciplinary Connections:		21st Century Skills:	Ū	

 5.1.4.D.1 - Actively participate in discussions about student data, questions and understandings. ACTIVITY: Students will discuss volume control while performing and maintaining healthy vocal habits. Social Studies 6.1.4.A.14 - Describe how the world is divided into many nations that have their own governments, languages, customs and laws. ACTIVITY: Open ended questions regarding language and customs in 4th grade song curriculum. World Language 7.1.1L.A.8- Compare and contrast unique linguistic elements in English and the target language. ACTIVITY: The importance of correct syntax and annunciation while learning musical songs in English and transfer knowledge to other exploratory languages. 	habits)? Without the health of our bodies, intellectual/mental potential can not be achieved.
Technology Standards:	Career Ready Practices:
 8.1.4.A.5 - Determine the benefits of a wide range of digital tools by using them to solve problems. ACTIVITY: While using various musical platforms (but not limited to: Flipgrid, PearDeck, Jamboard and Flat for Docs, Teacher developed flash cards) learning, troubleshooting and navigating through multiple musical sites, students will complete musical tasks. 	 CRP1. Act as a responsible and contributing citizen and employee. CRP2. Apply appropriate academic and technical skills. CRP4. Communicate clearly and effectively and with reason. CRP12. Work productively in teams while using cultural global competence ACTIVITY: Musicianship, the learning of, the dedication to practice, time management, pacing while listening to others, and using time in constructive proactive ways, combine to develop life-long skills.
UNIT/TOPIC ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS AND E	NDURING OBJECTIVES/UNDERSTANDINGS

	STUDENT LEARNING OBJECTIVES				
Key Knowledge		Process/Skills/Procedures/Application of Key Knowledge			
Students will know: Recognize and practice vocal skills (head voice, chest voice, dynamic changes, tempo changes) Recognize and produce unison and harmony by singing rounds, partner songs and call and response songs. Apply knowledge of proper singing posture and enunciation in performing songs in unison and harmony. Apply knowledge of respectful and appropriate critique in responding to performances of others.		Students will be able to:Practice using proper breathing and vocal technique by participatingin warm upsSing using correct vocal practices.Using correct vocal practices, students will sing in unison andharmony by singing rounds, partners songs, and call and responsesongs.Compare and contrast examples of singing from different historicalperiods and cultures.Use appropriate vocabulary when critiquing and responding toperformances.			
	ASSESSMENT				
Summative Assessment (Assessment at the end of the learning period) Formative Assessments (Ongoing assessments during the learning period to inform instruction)	ASSESSMENT OF LEARNING Rubric Notes Performance at grade level concert Teacher observation Anecdotal records Checklist Inquiry based activities Exploratory discovery Computer simulations Differentiated assignments based on readiness, ability, and interest Songs for vocabulary Virtual Field Trips				
Alternative Assessments (Any learning activity or assessment that asks students to <i>perform</i> to demonstrate their knowledge, understanding and proficiency)	Show what you know Performance at grade level concert Performance platforms incorporating but not limited to: Flipgrid, PearDeck, Jamboard and Flat for Docs Teacher developed flash cards				

Benchmark Assessments	Pre-assessments and post-assessments will be given. The pre-assessment will focus on any knowledge		
(used to establish baseline	students learned in prior years in music, in addition to concepts that will be introduced over the course of		
achievement data and	the year.		
measure progress towards	Self-directed performance platforms		
grade level standards; given			
2-3 X per year)	http://www.musictechteacher.com/)		
- 1- 5 5	http://www.pbs.org/riverofsong/teachers/ext4.html		
	RESOURCES		
Core instructional materials: Silver Burdett Music Connections Series Silver Burdett Making Music Series			
Supplemental materials:			
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Modifications for Learners			
See appendix			

Topic/Unit 2 Title	Listening and Responding		Approximate Pacing	5 days	
	STAND	ARDS			
	NJSLS (VP	A - Music)			
 1.1.5.B.2 - Recog 1.3.5.A.1 - perfor and accurately tra 1.2.5.A.3 - deterr throughout history 1.3.5.B.4 - to coor composition. 1.4.5.A.1 - employ established classi 1.4.5.A.2 - make you. 	 1.4.5.A.1 - employ basic, discipline-specific Arts terminology to categorize works of dance, music, theatre and visual art according to established classifications. 1.4.5.A.2 - make informed aesthetic responses to artworks based on structural Arrangement and personal cultural and historical points of you. 1.4.5.B.3 - use discipline-specific Parts terminology and evaluate the strengths and weaknesses of works of dance music theatre and visual 				
	Interdisciplinary Connections:		21st Century Skills:		
	Ed ody management skills and demonstrate control elation to others, objects, and boundaries in personal	skills that c	valuate communication, collaborat an be developed through school, h ılar activities for use in a career.	•	

ACTIVITY: Students will explore space and time while creating a steady beat. Example is a bean bag pass on beats 1 & 3 for "Obwisana" while sitting in a classroom circle. 2.5.4.A.3 - Explain and demonstrate movement sequences, individually and with others, in response to various tempos, rhythms and musical styles. Science 5.1.4.A.2 - Use outcomes of investigations to build and refine questions, models and explanations. ACTIVITY: Acoustical led discussion regarding musical spaces and measurements of sound (λ). Social Studies 6.1.4.A.13 - Describe how culture is expressed through and influenced by the behavior of people. ACTIVITY: "Song for the Children" using verse and refrain/ call and response with the exploration of "Hello" in 8 languages and discussion of country of origin & representative flags. World Language 7.1.1.L.A.8- Compare and contrast unique linguistic elements in English and the target language. ACTIVITY: "Song for the Children" to diversify student linguistic ability in rudimentary functions in pronunciation, articulation as well as tonal recognition and performance.	ACTIVITY: Discussion regarding personal responsibilities when handling (exploratory) classroom instruments. How personal responsibility keeps music instruments in working order "for others". How maintaining and working with others provide long lasting musical equipment; ensuing discussion for "real world application"
Technology Standards:	Career Ready Practices:

 8.1.5.E.1 Use digital tools to research and evaluate the accuracy of, relevance to, and appropriateness of using print and non-print electronic information sources to complete a variety of tasks. ACTIVITY: Students will explore compositions and songs from different historical periods and cultures using both print and non-print sources to complete the task. 	 CRP1. Act as a responsible and contributing citizen and employee. CRP2. Apply appropriate academic and technical skills. CRP4. Communicate clearly and effectively and with reason. CRP8. Utilize critical thinking to make sense of problems and persevere in solving them. CRP12. Work productively in teams while using cultural global competence. ACTIVITY: Students will engage in the analysis of a piece of music within small groups and will be tasked with identifying and presenting the theme and variation form. 	
UNIT/TOPIC ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS AND E	NDURING OBJECTIVES/UNDERSTANDINGS	
How does music reflect history and culture? How does a composer or performer use the elements of music to make an expressive impact on the listener? What is the relationship between music and other disciplines? How does the feeling of music change when there is a change of dynamics, tempo, meter, timbre or texture? How and why do individual instruments sound different from each other? STUDENT LEARNING OBJECTIVES		
Key Knowledge Process/Skills/Procedures/Application of Key Knowledge		
Students will know: Theme and Variation form Instruments of the Orchestra and Concert Band Musical examples from different periods and cultures. How to listen to music and analyze it using appropriate musical terms? How to recognize instruments of the orchestra and concert band	Students will be able to:Describe and analyze compositions and songs from differenthistorical periods and cultures.Compare and contrast compositions and songs on the basis ofexpressive qualities.Identify pictures of the main instruments of the orchestra and concertband.Distinguish the main orchestral and concert band instruments fromone another by their characteristic sound.Listen to and analyze a piece of music in theme and variation form.	
ASSESSMENT	OF LEARNING	

Summative Assessment (Assessment at the end of the	Rubric
learning period)	Notes
Formative Assessments	Teacher observation
(Ongoing assessments during the learning period to inform	Anecdotal records Checklist
instruction)	Inquiry based activities
	Exploratory discovery
	Computer simulations
	Differentiated assignments based on readiness, ability, and interest
	Songs for vocabulary
	Virtual Field Trips
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measure progress towards	Self-directed performance platforms (<u>http://www.musictechteacher.com/music_guizzes/guiz_memory_challenge_instruments/index.html</u> ,
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Modifications for Learners

See <u>appendix</u>

Topic/Unit 3 Title	Instrumental performance		Approximate Pacing	8 days	
	STANDA	ARDS			
	NJSLS (VPA - Music)				
 1.3A.5.Cr1a: Generate and improvise rhythmic, melodic and harmonic ideas, and simple accompaniment patterns and chord changes. Explain connection to specific purpose and context (e.g., social, cultural, historical). 1.3A.5.Cr2a: Demonstrate developed musical ideas for improvisations, arrangements or compositions to express intent. Explain connection to purpose and context. 1.3A.5.Pr4a: Demonstrate and explain how the selection of music to perform is influenced by personal interest, knowledge and context as well as the students' technical skill. 1.3A.5.Pr4b: Demonstrate an understanding of the structure and expanded music concepts (e.g., rhythm, pitch, form, harmony) in music selected for performance. 1.3A.5.Pr4d: Explain how context (e.g., personal, social, cultural, historical) informs performances. 1.3A.5.Pr4e: Convey creator's intents through the performers' interpretive decisions of expanded expressive qualities (e.g., dynamics, tempo, timbre, articulation/style). 1.3A.5.Pr6a: Perform music, alone or with others, with expression, technical accuracy and appropriate interpretation. 1.3A.5.Pr6b: Demonstrate performance decorum and audience etiquette appropriate for the context, venue, genre, and style. 1.3A.5.Re8a: Evaluate musical works and performances, applying established criteria, and explain appropriateness to the context citing 				at. Explain connection to edge and context as well narmony) in music e.g., dynamics, tempo, style.	
Interdisciplinary Connections: 21st Century Skills:					

Health and physical education 2.5.4.A.3 - Explain and demonstrate movement sequences, individually and with others, in response to various tempos rhythms and music.	9.2.8.B.3 Evaluate communication, collaboration, and leadership skills that can be developed through school, home, work, and extracurricular activities for use in a career.		
ACTIVITY: Participation in coordinated group activity featuring different tempo markings. Social Studies 6.1.4.D.13 - Describe how culture is expressed through and	ACTIVITY: Discuss how participating in a music ensemble today (ie. chorus/orchestra/band) can lead to opportunities in middle school (i.e. teen arts) High School (auditions into State/Regionals and other symphonic programs) which may shape decisions of specific colleges or areas that enhance music participation.		
influenced by the behavior of people.	9.2.8.B.4 Evaluate how traditional and nontraditional careers have evolved regionally, nationally, and globally.		
Technology Standards:	Career Ready Practices:		
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through multiple musical sites, students will complete musical tasks including recording the playing of the recorder.	ACTIVITY: Student groups will create simple melodies for their peers to read/play on the recorder for the class.		
UNIT/TOPIC ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS AND E	NDURING OBJECTIVES/UNDERSTANDINGS		
How and why do people play an instrument? How can I make the best sound possible on an instrument? How do I apply what I know about music to playing an instrument What do I need to do to learn to play an instrument? Why does reading music on a staff help me learn to play music on an in	strument?		

STUDENT LEARNING OBJECTIVES

Key Kr	nowledge	Process/Skills/Procedures/Application of Key Knowledge
Students will know: Basic rhythmic notation Melodic notation on the treble clef staff How sounds are made on instruments. How to play the recorder.		Students will be able to: Recognize quarter notes and rests, paired eighth notes, eighth note rests, half notes and rests, whole notes and rests, dotted half notes, dotted quarter/eighth notes and practice playing them on a recorder. Produce through performance simple melodies on recorder reading music on the treble clef staff. Experiment making different sounds on an instrument. Identify and apply proper playing technique on recorder.
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Topic/Unit 4	Reading and Writing - Rhythmic and Melodic	Approximate Pacing	8 days	
Title	Notation and Expression Marks			
STANDARDS				
NJSLS (VPA - Music)				
Explain connection 1.3A.5.Cr2b: Use harmonic musica 1.3A.5.Pr4c: Ana 1.3A.5.Pr4d: Exp 1.3A.5.Re9a: De	herate and improvise rhythmic, melodic and harmonic ideas, and sin on to specific purpose and context (e.g., social, cultural, historical). e standard and/or iconic notation and/or recording technology to doc il ideas. Ilyze selected music by reading and performing using standard nota- plain how context (e.g., personal, social, cultural, historical) informs p monstrate and explain how the expressive qualities (e.g., dynamics, tations to reflect expressive intent.	tion. performances.	and two-chord	

Interdisciplinary Connections:	21st Century Skills:
 Social Studies 6.1.4.D.13 - Describe how culture is expressed through and influenced by the behavior of people. 6.1.4.D.14 - Describe how the world is divided into many nations that have their own governments, languages, customs and laws. ELA RI.4.7: Interpret information presented visually, orally, or quantitatively (e.g., in charts, graphs, diagrams, time lines, animations, or interactive elements on Web pages) and explain how the information contributes to an understanding of the text in which it appears. ACTIVITY: Students use the syllabic correlation between their names and corresponding rhythmic notation 	 9.2.4.A.1 Identify reasons why people work, different types of work, and how work can help a person achieve personal and professional goals. 9.2.4.A.4 Explain why knowledge and skills acquired in the elementary grades lay the foundation for future academic and career success. ACTIVITY: Classroom discussion related to potential professions where being able to read and write rhythmic and melodic notation and expression marks is critical.
Technology Standards:	Career Ready Practices:
8.1.4.A.1 - Demonstrate effective input and data using an input device. ACTIVITY: While using various musical platforms (but not limited to: Flipgrid, PearDeck, Jamboard and Flat for Docs, Teacher developed flash cards) learning, troubleshooting and navigating through multiple musical sites, students will complete musical tasks including performing rhythmic patterns.	 CRP1 Act as a responsible and contributing citizen and employee CRP2 Apply appropriate academic and technical skills CRP4 Communicate clearly and effectively and with reason CRP6 Demonstrate creativity and innovation CRP8 Utilize critical thinking to make sense of problems and persevere in solving them CRP11 Use technology to enhance productivity CRP12 Work productively in teams while using cultural global competence
	ACTIVITY: Transferring syllabic note reading to create a whole class composition to accompany "Shekere"

UNIT/TOPIC ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS AND ENDURING OBJECTIVES/UNDERSTANDINGS

Why should I learn to read music notation?

How will being able to read music notation help me be a better musician?

What makes being able to read and write music important?

STUDENT LEARNING OBJECTIVES			
Key Knowledge		Process/Skills/Procedures/Application of Key Knowledge	
Students will know: Basic rhythm patterns by sight. Compose a simple melody using appropriate melodic and rhythmic notation in the treble clef.		Students will be able to: Recognize and practice performing rhythmic patterns in songs containing quarter notes & rests, half notes & rests, whole notes & rests, eighth notes and rests, sixteenth notes, dotted half notes, dotted quarter/eighth note reading flashcards and songs from books or projected on board. Create songs using quarter note and rests, half notes and rests, whole notes and rests, eight notes and rests, sixteenth notes, dotted half notes, dotted quarter/eighth note on the treble clef staff with guidelines from the teacher.	
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