

Warren County School District
PLANNED INSTRUCTION

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Course Title: Middle Level Orchestra

Course Number: 00833

Course Prerequisites: Previous musical experience preferred

Course Description:

Middle Level Orchestra is a course in intermediate instrumental music techniques that meets one period each day. The course is open to all students in grades 6-8 who have level appropriate performance skills on an instrument (string, brass, woodwind, or percussion) and have a desire to improve these skills both individually and in an ensemble setting. The string instruments will meet five times a week and the brass, woodwinds, and percussion will be added two of those five days. In smaller programs, the 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students will be combined with the senior high school orchestra. Individual or group lessons may be included as a part of this planned course and could be considered a requirement for participation in this course. The Middle Level Orchestra will present two mandatory concert performances each year. There is no final exam.

Suggested Grade Level: 6 - 8

Length of Course: One Semester X Two Semesters Other
(Describe)

Units of Credit: NONE (Insert ***NONE*** if appropriate.)

PDE Certification and Staffing Policies and Guidelines (CSPG) Required Teacher Certification(s): CSPG 55 Music Education

Certification verified by WCSD Human Resources Department:
 X Yes No

Board Approved Textbooks, Software, Materials:
Repertoire to be chosen yearly, as appropriate , from libraries and new purchases.

BOARD APPROVAL:

Date Written: January 2015

Date Approved: _____

Implementation Year: 2015 - 2016

SPECIAL EDUCATION AND GIFTED REQUIREMENTS

The teacher shall make appropriate modifications to instruction and assessment based on a student's Individual Education Plan (IEP) or Gifted Individual Education Plan (GIEP).

SPECIFIC EDUCATIONAL STANDARDS, ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS, CONTENT, & SKILLS

See Curriculum Map - Middle Level Orchestra

ASSESSMENTS

Suggested Formative Assessments: The teacher will develop and use standards-based assessments throughout the course.

- Pre-Assessments of prior knowledge (e.g. entrance cards or KWL chart)
- Labs/lab reports
- Bell ringers/Problems of the Day(PODs)
- Discussions
- Teacher observation/Questioning
- Graphic organizers (e.g. Venn diagrams, word mapping, webbing, KWL chart, etc.)
- Summarizing
- Retelling
- Notetaking
- Problem-based learning modules
- Authentic assessment
- Oral presentations
- Outlining
- Journaling
- Student presentations/projects
- Open-ended response
- Classroom Performance System (CPS)

Suggested Summative Assessments:

- Essays
- Open-Ended Responses
- Projects
- Quizzes/tests
- Student presentations
- Portfolios

District Approved Assessment Instruments

- Any district approved assessment instrument

Portfolio Assessment: Yes No

District-wide Final Examination Required: Yes No

Course Challenge Assessment N/A

WRITING TEAM: Warren County School District Music Teachers

WCSD STUDENT DATA SYSTEM INFORMATION

1. Is there a required final examination? Yes No
2. Does this course issue a mark/grade for the report card?
 Yes No
3. Does this course issue a Pass/Fail mark? Yes No
4. Is the course mark/grade part of the GPA calculation?
 Yes No
5. Is the course eligible for Honor Roll calculation? Yes No
6. What is the academic weight of the course?
 No weight/Non credit Standard weight
 Enhanced weight (Describe) AP