

**Warren County School District**  
**PLANNED INSTRUCTION**

**COURSE DESCRIPTION**

**Course Title:** Orchestra Homeroom

**Course Number:** 00840

**Course Prerequisites:** Previous musical experience, preferred

**Course Description:** (Include “no final exam” or “final exam required”)

Orchestra is a course in advanced instrumental music techniques that meets during homeroom. The course is open to all students in grades 9-12 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. In smaller programs the 7th and 8th grade students will combine with the senior high school orchestra.

Orchestra will present at least two performances per year. All performances will be scheduled and placed in the school calendar. Concerts are mandatory and will be part of the course grade. Absence from these performances will be allowed at the director’s discretion.

The course places emphasis on personal improvement in instrumental music skills, and a performance schedule that provides opportunities for demonstration of the level of mastery achieved by the students. A final exam is required.

**Suggested Grade Level:** 9 - 12

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

**Units of Credit:** 0.5 (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 - Homeroom 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)
- 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
- Problem-based learning modules
- Authentic assessment
- Oral presentations
- Journaling
- Student presentations/projects
- Open-ended response

### **Suggested Summative Assessments:**

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

### **District Approved Assessment Instruments**

- Any district approved assessment instrument

**Portfolio Assessment:**        ☐ Yes    ☒ No

**District-wide Final Examination Required:**        ☐ Yes    ☒ No

**Course Challenge Assessment** (Describe): Not applicable.

**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