Texas Fine Arts

Music: Middle School 1

Adopted 2013

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1. **The student describes and analyzes music and musical sound. The student explores fundamental skills appropriate for a developing young musician. The student is expected to:** 6-8.1.1

   A. experience and explore exemplary musical examples using technology and available live performances; 6-8.1.1.A

   B. describe tonal and rhythmic musical elements using standard terminology such as instrumentation, voicing, intervals, solfège, absolute note names, rhythmic values, and counting systems; 6-8.1.1.B

   C. describe musical elements of rhythm, including whole notes, half notes, quarter notes, paired and single eighth notes, sixteenth notes, corresponding rests, and meter, including 2/4, 3/4, and 4/4, using standard terminology; 6-8.1.1.C

   D. identify musical forms presented aurally and through music notation such as binary, ternary, phrasic, rondo, and theme and variations; and 6-8.1.1.D

   E. explore health and wellness concepts related to musical practice such as body mechanics, hearing protection, vocal health, hydration, and appropriate hygienic practice. 6-8.1.1.E

2. **The student reads and writes music notation using an established system for rhythm and melody. The student is expected to:** 6-8.1.2

   A. identify music symbols and terms referring to notation, including repeat sign; dynamics, including crescendo, decrescendo, piano, and forte; tempi, including accelerando, ritardando, moderato, and allegro; and articulations, including staccato and legato; 6-8.1.2.A

   B. notate meter, rhythm, pitch, and dynamics using standard symbols in a handwritten or computer-generated format; 6-8.1.2.B

   C. create rhythmic phrases using known rhythms and melodic phrases using known pitches at an appropriate level of difficulty within an established system of notation; 6-8.1.2.C

   D. read music notation using appropriate cognitive and kinesthetic responses such as inner hearing, silent fingering, shadow bowing, or Curwen hand signs; and 6-8.1.2.D

   E. sight read unison and homophonic music using the appropriate clef in a minimum of two keys and three meters, including 2/4, 3/4, and 4/4. 6-8.1.2.E

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3. **The student demonstrates musical artistry by singing or playing an instrument, alone and in groups, performing a variety of unison, homophonic, and polyphonic repertoire. The student makes music at an appropriate level of difficulty and performs in a variety of genres from notation and by memory. The student is expected to:** 6-8.1.3

   A. demonstrate, alone and in groups, characteristic vocal or instrumental timbre; 6-8.1.3.A

   B. perform music alone and in groups, demonstrating appropriate physical fundamental techniques such as hand position, bowing, embouchure, articulation, and posture; 6-8.1.3.B

   C. perform independently and expressively, with accurate intonation and rhythm, developing fundamental skills and appropriate solo, small ensemble, and large ensemble performance techniques; 6-8.1.3.C

   D. perform independently and expressively a varied repertoire of music representing various styles and cultures; 6-8.1.3.D

   E. sight-read independently and expressively, with accurate intonation and rhythm, demonstrating fundamental skills and appropriate solo, small ensemble, and large ensemble performance techniques in known keys and rhythms; 6-8.1.3.E

   F. interpret music symbols and terms referring to keys; clefs; dynamics, including crescendo, decrescendo, piano, and forte; tempi, including accelerando and ritardando; and articulations, including staccato and legato, appropriately when performing; and 6-8.1.3.F

   G. create rhythmic phrases using known rhythms and melodic phrases using known pitches at an appropriate level of difficulty. 6-8.1.3.G

4. **The student relates music to history, culture, and the world. The student is expected to:** 6-8.1.4

   A. perform music representative of diverse cultures, including American and Texas heritage; 6-8.1.4.A

   B. describe written and aurally presented music representative of diverse styles, periods, and cultures; 6-8.1.4.B

   C. identify relationships of music concepts to other academic disciplines such as the relationship between music and mathematics, literature, history, and the sciences; and 6-8.1.4.C

   D. describe music-related vocations and avocations. 6-8.1.4.D

5. **The student listens to, responds to, and evaluates music and musical performance in both formal and informal settings. The student is expected to:** 6-8.1.5

   A. demonstrate appropriate concert and stage etiquette as an informed, actively involved listener and performer during live and recorded performances in a variety of settings; 6-8.1.5.A

   B. identify criteria for listening to and evaluating musical performances; 6-8.1.5.B

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C. describe processes and select the tools for self-evaluation and personal artistic improvement such as critical listening and individual and group performance recordings; 6-8.1.5.C

D. evaluate the quality and effectiveness of musical performances by comparing them to exemplary models; and 6-8.1.5.D

E. demonstrate appropriate cognitive and kinesthetic responses to music and musical performances. 6-8.1.5.E