

Independent School District of Boise City

Orchestra 6th Grade

District Course #610

Course Description

Students will be introduced to the instruments of the orchestra and learn the techniques required of a second-year orchestra member. Their instrument choices will be violin, viola, cello, or bass. They will learn more advanced music theory, vocabulary, and be able to play alone and as a group through sequenced learning activities preparing them for successful participation in orchestra at the junior high level. Students will also prepare and perform in school programs and be given the opportunity to perform in the district solo and ensemble festival.

Philosophy

The Music Department's philosophy is based on the belief that experiences with music are fundamental to the education of children. Music has a powerful ability to affect the hearts, minds, and souls of our children. It gives children the opportunity to gain self-esteem by learning new skills and talents. It also gives children the sense of satisfaction that comes from working with a group to perform and create a piece of music with beauty and unity. Recent brain research shows music can tremendously boost the efficiency and performance of the brain. Music is a powerful purveyor of culture, both American and other world cultures. In today's increasingly global society, knowledge of other peoples and cultures, as well as our own past, is a necessary part of a good education.

Music gives soul to the universe, wings to the mind, flight to the imagination, and charm and gaiety to life and to everything.

Plato

Materials

- Orchestra method book
- Selected supplementary books
- Sheet music/orchestra arrangements for concert performance

Course Scope

Unit 1	Music Literacy	Ongoing
Unit 2	Music History	Ongoing
Unit 3	Musicianship	Ongoing
Unit 4	Concert Etiquette	Ongoing
Unit 5	Right Hand Technique	Ongoing
Unit 6	Left Hand Technique	Ongoing

Intermediate Elementary Orchestra – 6th Grade		District Reference 610
Unit 1	Music Literacy	Ongoing

Instructional Objective 610.01 Students will demonstrate knowledge of music reading and theory skills appropriate to the level		Standard Reference N - 2: a, b, c, d, e 3: b, c. 5: a, b, c, d, e 6-8.Mu.2.1.2; 3.1.2	
No.	Performance Objective	Resource Reference	Assessment Correlation
01	Demonstrate an increased understanding of previous concepts	Student method book	TO
02	Match pitches and rhythm patterns	Student method book	TO
03	Demonstrate ability to tune instrument using fine tuners, including matching pitches	Teacher demonstration	TO
04	Demonstrate and recognize the elements of good tone quality	Teacher demonstration	TO
05	Demonstrate a basic knowledge of intervals within a major scale	Teacher demonstration or method book	TO
06	Demonstrate through performance and written notation the understanding of music terms, symbols, rhythms, key signatures and time signatures at grade level 1 1/2	Teacher demonstration and method book	TO
07	Demonstrate ability to perform one octave major scales in the keys of D, G, A, C, F, and Bb with good intonation	Teacher demonstration and method book	TO
08	Demonstrate ability to sightread grade level 1 music	Selected repertoire	TO

Unit 2	Music History	Ongoing
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Instructional Objective 610.02 Students will demonstrate an understanding of music history appropriate to the level.		Standard Reference N - 9: a 6-8.Mu.1.1;1.2	
No.	Performance Objective	Resource Reference	Assessment Correlation
01	Demonstrate an understanding of composers and the history of the musical styles	Student method book	TMA
02	Demonstrate ability to identify an increasing number of prominent composers and recognizable compositions	Selected repertoire and student method book	TO

Unit 3	Musicianship	Ongoing
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Instructional Objective		Standard Reference	
610.03 Students will demonstrate good ensemble and performance skills appropriate to the level.		N - 2: a, b, c, d, e 6-8.Mu.3.1; 3.2; 3.3	
No.	Performance Objective	Resource Reference	Assessment Correlation
01	Demonstrate an increased understanding of previous concepts	Teacher demonstration	TO
02	Demonstrate proper relaxed posture	Teacher demonstration	TO
03	Demonstrate proper and regular practice habits	Teacher demonstration	TO
04	Perform ensemble music in three or more parts with proper pitch, rhythm, and bowing direction	Selected repertoire	TO
05	Show growing interest in music performance by seeking additional opportunities in honor orchestra, elementary music festival, and enrollment in the junior high orchestra program		TO

Unit 4	Concert Etiquette	Ongoing
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Instructional Objective		Standard Reference	
610.04 Students will demonstrate good concert etiquette appropriate to the level.		N - 2: a, b, c, d, e 7: a,b 6-8.Mu.2.2.3	
No.	Performance Objective	Resource Reference	Assessment Correlation
01	Demonstrate an increased understanding of previous concepts	Teacher demonstration	TO
02	Demonstrate proper concert behavior with advancing levels of performance repertoire	Teacher demonstration	TO

Unit 5	Right Hand Technique	Ongoing
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Instructional Objective		Standard Reference	
610.05 Students will demonstrate good right hand skills appropriate to the level.		N - 2: a, b, c 6-8.Mu.3.1.3	
No.	Performance Objective	Resource Reference	Assessment Correlation
01	Demonstrate an increased understanding of previous concepts	Teacher demonstration	TO
02	Demonstrate more advanced string crossing	Teacher demonstration	TO
03	Demonstrate more advanced staccato bowing, including martele and spiccato	Teacher demonstration	TO

04	Demonstrate more advanced slurring technique including 2, 3, and 4 note slurs	Teacher demonstration	TO
05	Demonstrate hooked bowing technique and dotted rhythms	Teacher demonstration	TO
06	Demonstrate good tone quality through all parts of the bow and various bow speeds	Teacher demonstration	TO

Unit 6	Left Hand Technique	Ongoing
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Instructional Objective		Standard Reference	
610.06 Students will demonstrate good left hand skills appropriate to the level.		N - 2: a, b, c 6-8.Mu.3.1.3	
No.	Performance Objective	Resource Reference	Assessment Correlation
01	Demonstrate an increased understanding of previous concepts	Teacher demonstration	TO
02	Demonstrate correct finger placement in 1st position including chromatic alterations, and both backward and forward extensions	Teacher demonstration	TO
03	Demonstrate simple fingered double stops	Teacher demonstration	TO
04	Demonstrate greater independence of finger action and more advanced finger preparations	Teacher demonstration	TO
05	Show basic knowledge of higher positions, shifting, and vibrato. Violins and violas- shifting to 3rd position. Cello- shifting to 4th and extended positions. Bass- shifting from half to 3rd positions	Teacher demonstration	TO
06	Show basic knowledge of harmonics	Teacher demonstration	TO

National Music Standards

GRADES 5-8

Except as noted, the standards in this section describe the cumulative skills and knowledge expected of all students upon exiting grade 8. Students in grades 5-7 should engage in developmentally appropriate learning experiences to prepare them to achieve these standards at grade 8. These standards presume that the students have achieved the standards specified for grades K-4; they assume that the students will demonstrate higher levels of the expected skills and knowledge, will deal with increasingly complex music, and will provide more sophisticated responses to works of music. Every course in music, including performance courses, should provide instruction in creating, performing, listening to, and analyzing music, in addition to focusing on its specific subject matter. Determining the curriculum and the specific instructional activities necessary to achieve the standards is the responsibility of states, local school districts, and individual teachers.

1. Content Standard: Singing, alone and with others, a varied repertoire of music

Achievement Standard:

- a. sing accurately and with good breath control throughout their singing ranges, alone and in small and large ensembles
- b. sing with expression and technical accuracy a repertoire of vocal literature with a level of difficulty of 2, on a scale of 1 to 6, including some songs performed from memory
- c. sing music representing diverse genres and cultures, with expression appropriate for the work being performed
- d. sing music written in two and three parts Students who participate in a choral ensemble
- e. sing with expression and technical accuracy a varied repertoire of vocal literature with a level of difficulty of 3, on a scale of 1 to 6, including some songs performed from memory

2. Content Standard: Performing on instruments, alone and with others, a varied repertoire of music

Achievement Standard:

- a. perform on at least one instrument *1* accurately and independently, alone and in small and large ensembles, with good posture, good playing position, and good breath, bow, or stick control
- b. perform with expression and technical accuracy on at least one string, wind, percussion, or classroom instrument a repertoire of instrumental literature with a level of difficulty of 2, on a scale of 1 to 6
- c. perform music representing diverse genres and cultures, with expression appropriate for the work being performed
- d. play by ear simple melodies on a melodic instrument and simple accompaniments on a harmonic instrument
- e. Students who participate in an instrumental ensemble or class perform with expression and technical accuracy a varied repertoire of instrumental literature with a level of difficulty of 3, on a scale of 1 to 6, including some solos performed from memory

3. Content Standard: Improvising melodies, variations, and accompaniments

Achievement Standard:

- a. improvise simple harmonic accompaniments
- b. improvise melodic embellishments and simple rhythmic and melodic variations on given pentatonic melodies and melodies in major keys
- c. improvise short melodies, unaccompanied and over given rhythmic accompaniments, each in a consistent style, meter, and tonality

4. Content Standard: Composing and arranging music within specified guidelines

Achievement Standard:

- a. compose short pieces within specified guidelines, 2 demonstrating how the elements of music are used to achieve unity and variety, tension and release, and balance
- b. arrange simple pieces for voices or instruments other than those for which the pieces were written
- c. use a variety of traditional and nontraditional sound sources and electronic media when composing and arranging

5. Content Standard: Reading and notating music

Achievement Standard:

- a. read whole, half, quarter, eighth, sixteenth, and dotted notes and rests in $2/4$, $3/4$, $4/4$, $6/8$, $3/8$, and alla breve meter signatures
- b. read at sight simple melodies in both the treble and bass clefs
- c. identify and define standard notation symbols for pitch, rhythm, dynamics, tempo, articulation, and expression
- d. use standard notation to record their musical ideas and the musical ideas of others
- e. Students who participate in a choral or instrumental ensemble or class sightread, accurately and expressively, music with a level of difficulty of 2, on a scale of 1 to 6

6. Content Standard: Listening to, analyzing, and describing music

Achievement Standard:

- a. describe specific music events 3 in a given aural example, using appropriate terminology
- b. analyze the uses of elements of music in aural examples representing diverse genres and cultures
- c. demonstrate knowledge of the basic principles of meter, rhythm, tonality, intervals, chords, and harmonic progressions in their analyses of music

7. Content Standard: Evaluating music and music performances

Achievement Standard:

- a. develop criteria for evaluating the quality and effectiveness of music performances and compositions and apply the criteria in their personal listening and performing
- b. evaluate the quality and effectiveness of their own and others' performances, compositions, arrangements, and improvisations by applying specific criteria appropriate for the style of the music and offer constructive suggestions for improvement

8. Content Standard: Understanding relationships between music, the other arts, and disciplines outside the arts

Achievement Standard:

- a. compare in two or more arts how the characteristic materials of each art 4 can be used to transform similar events, scenes, emotions, or ideas into works of art
- b. describe ways in which the principles and subject matter of other disciplines taught in the school are interrelated with those of music 5

9. Content Standard: Understanding music in relation to history and culture

Achievement Standard:

- a. describe distinguishing characteristics of representative music genres and styles from a variety of cultures
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- b. classify by genre and style (and, if applicable, by historical period, composer, and title) a varied body of exemplary (that is, high-quality and characteristic) musical works and explain the characteristics that cause each work to be considered exemplary
- c. compare, in several cultures of the world, functions music serves, roles of musicians, 7 and conditions under which music is typically performed

Notes:

1. E.g., band or orchestra instrument, keyboard instrument, fretted instrument, electronic instrument
2. E.g., a particular style, form, instrumentation, compositional technique
3. E.g., entry of oboe, change of meter, return of refrain
4. E.g., sound in music, visual stimuli in visual arts, movement in dance, human interrelationships in theatre
5. E.g., language arts: issues to be considered in setting texts to music; mathematics: frequency ratios of intervals, sciences: the human hearing process and hazards to hearing; social studies: historical and social events and movements chronicled in or influenced by musical works
6. E.g., jazz, mariachi, gamelan
7. E.g., lead guitarist in a rock band, composer of jingles for commercials, singer in Peking opera

**INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT OF BOISE CITY
IDAHO ACHIEVEMENT STANDARDS
GRADE 6-8
HUMANITIES: MUSIC**

Students are expected to know content and apply skills from previous grades.

Standard 1: Historical And Cultural Contexts

Demonstrate an understanding of the cultural and historical contexts and interrelationships of the arts and humanities disciplines among various cultures. Students in grades 6-8 classify the historical periods of music studied. Students analyze the cultural contexts of music studied. Students compare and contrast musical styles and genres with another art form or subject area.

Goal 1.1: Discuss the historical and cultural contexts of music.

Objective(s): By the end of Grade 8, the student will be able to:

- 6-8.Mu.1.1.1 Analyze the relationship of a country's traditions and its music.
- 6-8.Mu.1.1.2 Identify the historical period during which musical works being studied were composed.
- 6-8.Mu.1.1.3 Discuss the relationship of music to the historical period in which it was composed.
- 6-8.Mu.1.1.4 Identify the roles of musicians in society.

Goal 1.2: Discuss the interrelationships among visual and performing arts disciplines.

Objective(s): By the end of Grade 8, the student will be able to:

- 6-8.Mu.1.2.1 Compare a musical style with another art form sharing a similar style or movement.
- 6-8.Mu.1.2.2 Discuss similarities among various disciplines and the arts.

Standard 2: Critical Thinking

Analyze and converse about music. Students in grades 6-8 describe and analyze aural examples of music, using correct musical terminology. Students identify a musical theme. Students develop criteria for high musical quality. Students evaluate musical performances.

Goal 2.1: Conduct analyses in music.

Objective(s): By the end of Grade 8, the student will be able to:

- 6-8.Mu.2.1.1 Identify a musical theme.
- 6-8.Mu.2.1.2 Describe and analyze aural examples of music using correct musical terms pertaining to form, meter, rhythm, basic keys, and simple harmonic progressions.
- 6-8.Mu.2.1.3 Identify the sounds of voices and musical instruments as they are used in musical works.
- 6-8.Mu.2.1.4 Discuss the style of a musical selection.

Goal 2.2: Engage in reasoned dialogue and make decisions about musical performances.

Objective(s): By the end of Grade 8, the student will be able to:

- 6-8.Mu.2.2.1 Describe the significance of music in contemporary society.
- 6-8.Mu.2.2.2 Express personal preference for music using appropriate musical terminology.
- 6-8.Mu.2.2.3 Discuss and demonstrate the importance of proper concert behavior and attire.
- 6-8.Mu.2.2.4 Debate copyright issues in music.
- 6-8.Mu.2.2.5 Develop criteria for high musical quality.
- 6-8.Mu.2.2.6 Evaluate constructively the quality of one's performance and the performances of others.

Standard 3: Performance

Communicate through music articulately and expressively. Students in grades 6-8 read, notate, and perform music of various styles and genres. Students sing/play accurately and expressively, following the directions of a conductor and using appropriate dynamics and phrasing. Students perform or compose music using a variety of sound sources. Students articulate a method of consistent musical practice.

Goal 3.1: Utilize concepts essential to music.

Objective(s): By the end of Grade 8, the student will be able to:

- 6-8.Mu.3.1.1 Improvise simple rhythmic and/or melodic accompaniments.
- 6-8.Mu.3.1.2 Read and notate pitches in treble and bass clef (grand staff).
- 6-8.Mu.3.1.3 Read and notate music (time and key signatures, note values, standard notation symbols for pitch, duration, dynamics, articulation, expression).
- 6-8.Mu.3.1.4 Articulate a method of consistent musical practice.

Goal 3.2: Communicate through music, applying artistic concepts, knowledge, and skills.

Objective(s): By the end of Grade 8, the student will be able to:

- 6-8.Mu.3.2.1 Identify and define standard notation symbols for pitch, rhythm, dynamics, tempo, articulation, and expression.
- 6-8.Mu.3.2.2 Sing/play accurately and expressively with good breath control, diction, articulation, and posture both alone and in small groups, following the directions of a conductor.
- 6-8.Mu.3.2.3 Sing expressively with appropriate dynamics and phrasing.

Goal 3.3: Communicate through music with creative expression.

Objective(s): By the end of Grade 8, the student will be able to:

- 6-8.Mu.3.3.1 Create a melody when given specific guidelines.
- 6-8.Mu.3.3.2 Perform a work of music considering the intent of its creator.
- 6-8.Mu.3.3.3 Use a variety of traditional and nontraditional sound sources and electronic media when composing or performing music.