COURSE: Band

GRADE(S): Level II (Grade 6)

UNIT: Ensemble Techniques

NATIONAL STANDARDS:

- 2. Performing on Instruments, alone and with others a varied repertoire of music.
- 5. Reading and notating music.

STATE STANDARDS:

- 9.1 Production, Performance, and Exhibition of Music
- 9.3 Critical Response

UNIT OBJECTIVES - SWBAT:

- 1. Count or play rhythms with a steady beat while tapping their foot.
- 2. Demonstrate proper posture.
- 3. Watch and follow the conductor while playing in 2 / 4, 3 / 4, and 4 / 4, also responding to conductor gestures, crescendo and decrescendo.
- 4. Perform group warm-ups.
- 5. Make the proper adjustments to their instrument to ensure correct intonation.

ACTIVITIES:

- 1. Model Conducting patterns
- 2. Repetition of activities at home
- 3. Demonstration of tuning techniques.
- 4. Each section performs as a group.
- 5. Warm up procedures.

RESOURCES:

Essential Elements 2000 Book 1 Band Music Digital Tuner Scale Sheet

ASSESSMENTS:

- 1. Members of group critique section performing.
- 2. Student self-assessment

REMEDIATION/MODIFICATION:

Differentiate and modify assignment as per student needs.

Group lessons and sectionals

ENRICHMENT:

Introduce the concepts of 6/8 + cut time signatures.

COURSE: Band

GRADE(S): Level II (Grade 6)

UNIT: Terminology & Symbols

NATIONAL STANDARDS:

- 2. Performing on Instruments, alone and with others a varied repertoire of music.
- 5. Reading and notating music

STATE STANDARDS:

- 9.1 Production, Performance, and Exhibition of Music
- 9.3 Critical Response

UNIT OBJECTIVES - SWBAT:

1. Recognize and perform from the following musical terms:

Articulations: tenuto and marcato

Dynamics: ff, mp, pp Tempo: Vivace, Largo

Forms and Phrasing: Da Capo, Dal Segno, Coda, Measure Repeats, ABA Form

ACTIVITIES:

- 1. Teacher modeling
- 2. Repetition of activities at home
- 3. Rehearsal to perform contrasting dynamics.
 - 4. Ensemble will recognize contrasting dynamic levels.
- 5. Rhythm Studies and Activities

RESOURCES:

Conductor

CD Accompaniment Live Performance

ASSESSMENTS:

- 1. Student critical listening
- 2. Quizzes
- 3. Playing Tests

REMEDIATION/MODIFICATION:

- Differentiate and modify assignment as per student needs.
- 2. Repetition of activities at rehearsals.
- 3. Play along with CDs at home.

ENRICHMENT:

Listening to live and recorded music.

COURSE: Band	GRADE(S): Level II (Grade 6)		
UNIT: Evaluating Music			

NATIONAL STANDARDS:

- 2. Performing on Instruments, alone and with others a varied repertoire of music.
- 6. Listening to, analyzing, and describing music.
- 7. Evaluating music and music performances.
- 9. Understanding music in relation to history and culture.

STATE STANDARDS:

- 9.1 Production, Performance, and Exhibition of Music
- 9.2 Historical and Cultural Contexts
- 9.3 Critical Response

UNIT OBJECTIVES - SWBAT:

- 1. Evaluate balance/blend, rhythmic accuracy, ensemble pulse, dynamics, phrasing and articulation while performing.
- 2. Recognize styles from various cultures.

ACTIVITIES:

- 1. Listen to and evaluate individual student and group performances.
- 2. Teacher modeling.
- 3. Repetition of activities at home.

RESOURCES:

Essential Elements Book 1 Band Music

ASSESSMENTS:

- 1. Teacher directed questioning.
- 2. Teacher observation of student performance.
- 3. Student evaluation of peers.

REMEDIATION/MODIFICATION:

- Differentiate and modify assignment as per student needs.
- 2. Section rehearsals.

ENRICHMENT:

Exchange Concerts

COURSE: Band	GRADE(S): Level II (Grade 6)		
UNIT: Repertoire			

NATIONAL STANDARDS:

- 2. Performing on Instruments, alone and with others a varied repertoire of music.
- 5. Reading and notating music
- 7. Evaluating music and music performances
- 9. Understanding music in relation to history and culture.

STATE STANDARDS:

- 9.1 Production, Performance, and Exhibition of Music
- 9.2 Historical and cultural contexts.
- 9.3 Critical Response

UNIT OBJECTIVES - SWBAT:

- 1. Perform with technical accuracy a varied repertoire of band literature with "very easy," "easy", and Grade I levels of difficulty.
- 2. Perform music representing diverse genres, cultures, and historical periods with expression and style appropriate for the work being performed.

ACTIVITIES:

- 1. Concerts
- 2. Band rehearsals
- 3. Warm-ups
- 4. Listening to CDs
- 5. Performing familiar melodies

RESOURCES:

Essential Elements Book 1

ASSESSMENTS:

- 1. Teacher observation of student performance.
- 2. Group critique
- Playing test must meet minimum proficiencies for admittance.
- 4. Essential Elements

REMEDIATION/MODIFICATION:

 Differentiate and modify assignment as per student needs.

ENRICHMENT:

Exchange Concerts Small Ensembles COURSE: Band

GRADE(S): Level II (Grade 6)

UNIT: Performance Etiquette

NATIONAL STANDARDS:

6. Listening to, analyzing, and describing music.

STATE STANDARDS:

- 9.1 Production, Performance, and Exhibition of Music
- 9.3 Critical Response

UNIT OBJECTIVES - SWBAT:

- 1. Perform in all scheduled concerts
- 2. Perform with correct playing posture and foot tap.
- 3. Demonstrate correct resting and playing positions.
- 4. Respond appropriately to teacher directed activity.
- 5. Raise and lower instruments as a group in response to the conductor's gestures.

ACTIVITIES:

- 1. Practice standing and sitting for acknowledgement.
- 2. Practice raising and lowering instruments.
- 3. Discussion of proper audience etiquette prior to concert.

RESOURCES:

- 1. Performance etiquette message in program.
- 2. Letter home to parents.

ASSESSMENTS:

REMEDIATION/MODIFICATION:

- 1. Reinforcement of skills.
- In the absence of a scheduled performance, students will be required to complete an alternative assignment at the discretion of the teacher.

ENRICHMENT:

Attend outside concerts.