

FIRST GRADING PERIOD

	STANDARDS		BENCHMARKS		GRADE LEVEL INDICATORS	CURRICULUM GUIDE SAMPLE LESSONS
2:	Performing alone and with others a varied repertoire of music.	A:	Perform alone at an appropriate level of mastery on a stringed instrument.	 GLI 2: GLI 3: GLI 4: GLI 5: GLI 6: GLI 9:	Maintain and model proper left hand and arm technique. Maintain and model proper left hand and arm technique. Maintain and model proper right hand and arm technique. Evaluate tone and makes adjustments in right or left hand/arm technique that will produce desired tone quality. Demonstrate increased use of vibrato. Tune the open strings aurally, given a pitch reference for each open string. Demonstrate a consistent practice routine outside of the rehearsal setting. Demonstrate appropriate care of the instrument.	Introducing Vibrato
					Demonstrate the ability to use a tuner or metronome as needed to improve intonation, rhythm and tempo.	
		В:	Recognize and perform various styles of music.		Imitate the style of aural models. Utilize appropriate bowings to create desired timbre and articulation. Use appropriate terminology to communicate articulations within the ensemble Perform literature from a variety of genres or eras in small and	
		C:	Perform scales and technical exercises.	 GLI 4:	large ensembles. Shift to all natural harmonics.	
		D:	Perform in ensembles.	 GLI 2: GLI 3: GLI 4:	Interpret and respond to conducting patterns and cues in large ensembles. Demonstrate part independence. Work with other musicians to create a quality performance. Cooperate with other musicians to create a positive social atmosphere.	
3:	Improvising melodies, variations and accompaniments	A:	Improvise melodies.		Create patterns based on the major scale. Create a four measure phrase based on a major scale.	

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arı wi	omposing and ranging music ithin specific uidelines.	A:	Compose music within specified guidelines.	GLI		and decrescendo in compositions.	
		C:	Use a variety of traditional and nontraditional sound sources and electronic media when composing and arranging.	GLI	1:	Notate a four-measure arrangement by hand.	
	eading and otating music.	A:	Read and notate rhythms.	GL	1:	Perform from notation sixteenth, eighth, quarter, dotted quarter, half, dotted half and whole notes and corresponding rests in cut time, 4/4, 3/4, and 2/4 meters.	
		В:	Read and notate pitches.	GLI			
		C:	Identify and define standard notation symbols for dynamics, articulation and expression.	GLI	1:	Read and notate the symbols for down bow, up bow, <i>detache</i> , <i>martele</i> , slurs, <i>staccato</i> , slurred <i>staccato</i> , hooked bowing, bow lift, <i>pizzicato</i> , <i>loure</i> , <i>tremolo</i> , <i>sautille</i> , and <i>spiccato</i> . Read and notate the standard symbols for the following dynamic markings: <i>pp</i> , <i>p</i> , <i>mp</i> , <i>mf</i> , <i>f</i> , <i>ff</i> , <i>fp</i> , <i>crescendo and decrescendo</i> .	Bartok: Folk Trilogy
		D.	Sight read,	GL1		Identify all relative major and minor key signatures and tonalities in the literature being studied. Sight read and perform accurately down bow and up bow	
		υ.	accurately and expressively, music with a level of			symbols, bow lifts, <i>pizzicato</i> , ties, slurs, <i>detache</i> , accent, <i>staccato</i> and hooked bowings. Sight read 12-32 measure pieces in 2/4, 3/4, 4/4, and cut time.	
			difficulty appropriate to ensemble performance level.	GLI	3:	Sight read the following expressive markings: pp, p, mp, mf, f, ff, crescendo and decrescendo.	
(T:	adamin a da					Respond to tempi markings and cues from conductor while sight-reading, including <i>fermata</i> and grand pause.	Destale Fell T 1
an	stening to, nalyzing and escribing music.	A:	Describe specific music events in a given aural example using			Identify forms associated with the literature being studied. Use appropriate terminology to communicate about the elements of music.	Bartok: Folk Trilogy
			appropriate terminology.	GLI	3:	Identify the meter in a given aural example as 4/4, 3/4, 2/4, or 6/8.	

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		GLI 4: Distinguish between Major and minor aurally.	
	B: Describe music events in a given	GLI 1: Identify various repeat signs and symbols (first and second endings, D.S., Fine, etc.).	
	printed example.	GLI 2: Identify meters(s), dynamics, tonality, bowings and tempo in a given printed example.	
	C: Analyze the use of music representing diverse genres and cultures.	GLI 1: Relate to other cultures through music literature being studied.	Bartok: Folk Trilogy
7: Evaluating music	A: Develop criteria for	GLI 2: Evaluate recorded performances of the literature being studied.	
and music performances.	evaluating the quality and	GLI 3: Practice proper audience etiquette in selected music settings.	
performances.	effectiveness of music compositions.	GLI 4: Attend live performances by professional musicians.	
	B: Develop criteria for evaluating the	GLI 1: Recognize the influence of musical and nonmusical aspects (e.g. concert etiquette) of performance on audience perception.	
	quality and effectiveness of musical	GLI 4: Self-evaluate home practice and seek ways to improve their personal performance.	
	performances.	GLI 5: Make use of technology in rehearsal and home practice to assist in self-evaluation (e.g. record and playback, CD from method book or metronome).	
		GLI 6: Practice proper audience etiquette in selected music settings.	
		GLI 7: Attend live performances by professional musicians.	
8: Understanding relationships between music, the	B: Understand relationships between	GLI 1: Describe ways in which the principles and subject matter of other disciplines taught in the school are interrelated with those of music.	
other arts, and disciplines outside the arts.	relationships between music and disciplines outside the arts.	GLI 2: Discuss thematic connections between the musical literature being studied and the concepts/literature being studied in other classrooms.	
9: Understanding music in relation to history and culture.	A: Describe distinguishing characteristics of representative music genres and styles from a variety of cultures.	GLI 4: Research composers and write program notes for the literature being studied.	
	B: Classify a varied body of exemplary	GLI 1: Explain the characteristics of cultural music being studied by the ensemble.	
	body of exemplary	CHSCHIOIC.	

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	musical works by historical period and/or culture.	GLI 2: Examine contemporary music styles and identify the distinctive musical characteristics.	
	C: Compare functions music serves, roles of musicians and conditions under which music is typically performed in several cultures.	GLI 3: Explain the conditions under which music is typically performed in several cultures of the world. GLI 4: Recognize the influence of increasing technology on musical instruments and music performance.	
	D: Identify and compare careers in music.	GLI 1: Identify the specific skills needed to be a musician. GLI 2: Identify and compare various careers for musicians (e.g. education, entertainment, technical support). GLI 4: Determine criteria to select music experiences that represent skills, abilities and accomplishments (e.g. developing a portfolio). GLI 5: Explore and identify opportunities for lifelong involvement in music.	



SECOND GRADING PERIOD

STANDARDS	BENCHMARKS	GRADE LEVEL INDICATORS	CURRICULUM GUIDE SAMPLE LESSONS
2: Performing alone and with others a varied repertoire of music.	A: Perform alone at an appropriate level of mastery on a stringed instrument.	GLI 1: Maintain and model proper seated or standing posture. GLI 2: Maintain and model proper left hand and arm technique. GLI 3: Maintain and model proper right hand and arm technique. GLI 4: Evaluate tone and makes adjustments in right or left hand/arm technique that will produce desired tone quality.	
		GLI 5: Demonstrate increased use of vibrato. GLI 6: Tune the open strings aurally, given a pitch reference for each open string. GLI 9: Demonstrate a consistent practice routine outside of the rehearsal setting.	
		GLI 10: Demonstrate appropriate care of the instrument. GLI 11: Demonstrate the ability to use a tuner or metronome as needed to improve intonation, rhythm and tempo.	
	B: Recognize and perform various styles of music.	GLI 1: Imitate the style of aural models. GLI 2: Utilize appropriate bowings to create desired timbre and articulation. Use appropriate terminology to communicate articulations within the ensemble	
		GLI 3: Perform literature from a variety of genres or eras in small and large ensembles.	
	C: Perform scales and technical exercises.	GLI 1: Perform with accuracy and good intonation the following major scales: all instruments-two octaves-D,G,C, one octave-A, F and a one octave chromatic scale.	
		GLI 2: Perform with accuracy and good intonation the following natural, harmonic, and melodic minor scales: one octave-b, e, c, a, d.	
	D: Perform in ensembles.	GLI 1: Interpret and respond to conducting patterns and cues in large ensembles. GLI 2: Demonstrate part independence.	
		GLI 2: Demonstrate part independence. GLI 3: Work with other musicians to create a quality performance. GLI 4: Cooperate with other musicians to create a positive social atmosphere. GLI 5: Participate in a small ensemble such as a duet, trio, etc.	

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	Improvising melodies, variations and accompaniments.	B: Improvise variations.	GLI 4: Transpose any musical phrase up or down by one or more octaves.	
4:	Composing and arranging music within specific guidelines.	B: Arrange music within specified guidelines.	GLI 2: Arrange a piano reduction into a four-part arrangement for a string ensemble.	
		C: Use a variety of traditional and nontraditional sound sources and electronic media when composing and arranging.	GLI 2: Notate an arrangement using compositional software and MIDI resources.	
5:	Reading and notating music.	A: Read and notate rhythms.	GLI 4: Comprehend duple and triple meters.	
		B: Read and notate pitches.	GLI 3: Notate a four measure dictated melody using step-wise motion and intervals of a third or 5 th in treble or bass clef.	
		C: Identify and define standard notation symbols for dynamics, articulation and expression.	GLI 3: Identify all relative major and minor key signatures and tonalities in the literature being studied.	
6:	Listening to, analyzing and describing music.	A: Describe specific music events in a given aural example using	GLI 1: Identify forms associated with the literature being studied. GLI 2: Use appropriate terminology to communicate about the elements of music. GLI 3: Identify the meter in a given aural example as 4/4, 3/4, 2/4, or	
		appropriate terminology.	6/8.	
		C: Analyze the use of music representing diverse genres and cultures.	GLI 1: Relate to other cultures through music literature being studied.	
7:	Evaluating music and music performances.	A: Develop criteria for evaluating the quality and effectiveness of music compositions.	GLI 1: Write a critique using appropriate terminology to evaluate musical compositions. GLI 2: Evaluate recorded performances of the literature being studied. GLI 3: Practice proper audience etiquette in selected music settings. GLI 4: Attend live performances by professional musicians.	

STANDARDS	BENCHMARKS	GRADE LEVEL INDICATORS	CURRICULUM GUIDE SAMPLE LESSONS
	B: Develop criteria for evaluating the quality and effectiveness of	 GLI 2: Rate ensemble performance and seek ways to improve their overall performance. GLI 3: Self-evaluate home practice and seek ways to improve their personal performance. 	
	musical performances.	GLI 4: Make use of technology in rehearsal and home practice to assist in self-evaluation (e.g. record and playback, CD from method book or metronome).	
		GLI 5: Practice proper audience etiquette in selected music settings. GLI 6: Attend live performances by professional musicians.	
8: Understanding relationships between music, the other arts, and disciplines outside the arts	B: Understand relationships between music and disciplines outside the arts.	GLI 1: Describe ways in which the principles and subject matter of other disciplines taught in the school are interrelated with those of music. GLI 2: Discuss thematic connections between the musical literature being studied and the concepts/literature being studied in other classrooms.	
9: Understanding music in relation to history and culture.	A: Describe distinguishing characteristics of representative music genres and styles from a variety of cultures.	GLI 4: Research composers and write program notes for the literature being studied.	
	B: Classify a varied body of exemplary musical works by historical period and/or culture.	 GLI 1: Explain the characteristics of cultural music being studied by the ensemble. GLI 2: Examine contemporary music styles and identify the distinctive musical characteristics. 	
	D: Identify and compare careers in music.	GLI 4: Determine criteria to select music experiences that represent skills, abilities and accomplishments (e.g. developing a portfolio).	
		GLI 5: Explore and identify opportunities for lifelong involvement in music.	



THIRD GRADING PERIOD

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2: Performing a and with other varied repert music.	ers a	: Perform alone at an appropriate level of mastery on a stringed instrument.	GLI 5: Demonstrate increased use of vibrato. GLI 6: Tune the open strings aurally, given a pitch reference for each open string.	
	В	: Recognize and perform various styles of music.	GLI 1: Imitate the style of aural models. GLI 2: Utilize appropriate bowings to create desired timbre and articulation. Use appropriate terminology to communicate articulations within the ensemble GLI 3: Perform literature from a variety of genres or eras in small and	Various Styles of Bowing
	C	: Perform scales and technical exercises.	large ensembles. GLI 3: Perform with accuracy and good intonation the following arpeggios up and down: 2 octaves-D, G, A,C, 1 octave-F.	
	D	ensembles.	GLI 1: Interpret and respond to conducting patterns and cues in large ensembles. GLI 2: Demonstrate part independence. GLI 3: Work with other musicians to create a quality performance. GLI 4: Cooperate with other musicians to create a positive social atmosphere. GLI 5: Participate in a small ensemble such as a duet, trio, etc.	
3: Improvising melodies, variations an accompanim	d	: Improvise melodies.	GLI 3: Create rhythmic and melodic variations on a given 4 measure phrase.	Various Styles of Bowing
4: Composing a arranging mu within specific guidelines.	and A	: Compose music within specified guidelines.	GLI 1: Compose melodies in compound meters.	
5: Reading and notating mus		: Read and notate rhythms.	GLI 1: Perform from notation eighth, quarter, dotted quarter, half, dotted half and whole notes and corresponding rests in cut time, 4/4, 3/4, and 2/4 meters.	Various Styles of Bowing

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		GLI 3: Utilize a consistent numerically based method of counting (1-e-&-a) in cut time, 4/4, 3/4, and 2/4 meters.	
		GLI 4: Comprehend and define cut time, 4/4, 3/4 and 2/4 meters.	
	B: Read and notate pitches.	GLI 1: Identify pitches on the grand staff and in alto clef.	
	C: Identify and define standard notation symbols for dynamics, articulation and expression.	GLI 3: Identify all relative major and minor key signatures and tonalities in the literature being studied.	
	D: Sight read, accurately and expressively, music with a level of difficulty appropriate to ensemble performance level.	GLI 3: Sight read the following expressive markings: pp, p, mp, mf, f, ff, crescendo and decrescendo.	
6: Listening to, analyzing and describing music.	A: Describe specific music events in a given aural example using appropriate terminology.	GLI 1: Identify forms associated with the literature being studied. GLI 2: Use appropriate terminology to communicate about the elements of music.	
	B: Describe music events in a given printed example.	GLI 1: Identify various repeat signs and symbols (first and second endings, D.S., Fine, etc.). GLI 2: Identify meters(s), dynamics, tonality, bowings and tempo in a given printed example.	
	C: Analyze the use of music representing diverse genres and cultures.	GLI 1: Relate to other cultures through music literature being studied. GLI 2: Examine relationships between original compositions and transcriptions for orchestra.	Introduction to Dragon Dances
7: Evaluating music and music performances.	A: Develop criteria for evaluating the quality and effectiveness of music compositions.	GLI 2: Evaluate recorded performances of the literature being studied. GLI 3: Listen to and recognize compositions for their instrument.	
	B: Develop criteria for evaluating the	GLI 1: Recognize the influence of musical and nonmusical aspects (e.g. concert etiquette) of performance on audience perception.	

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		quality and effectiveness of	GLI 2: Rate ensemble performance and seek ways to improve their overall performance.	
		musical performances.	GLI 4: Make use of technology in rehearsal to assist in self-evaluation (e.g. record and playback, CD from method book, metronome).	
			GLI 5: Practice proper audience etiquette in selected music settings.	
			GLI 6: Attend live performances by professional musicians.	
		C: Defend personal music preferences using appropriate terminology.	GLI 1: Support personal preferences of music using appropriate music terminology.	
8:	Understanding relationships between music, the other arts and disciplines outside the arts.	A: Understand relationships between music and the other arts.	GLI 1: Compare and contrast descriptors in the arts (e.g. balance, texture, color, and form).	
		B: Understand relationships between music and disciplines outside	GLI 1: Use content knowledge of other disciplines taught in the school to enhance the performance of music (i.e. bowing perpendicular to the string is the most efficient way of setting the string in motion).	
		the arts.	GLI 2: Discover connections between the musical concepts/literature being studied and the concepts being studied in other classrooms.	
9:	Understanding	A: Describe	GLI 1: Recognize one major Western composer from each musical era.	Introduction to Dragon
	music in relation to history and culture.	distinguishing characteristics of representative	GLI 2: Recognize possible correlations between major musical and historical events in time.	Dances
		music genres and styles from a variety of cultures.	GLI 3: Demonstrate knowledge of music of diverse cultures.	



FOURTH GRADING PERIOD

STANDARDS	BENCHMARKS	GRADE LEVEL INDICATORS	CURRICULUM GUIDE SAMPLE LESSONS
2: Performing alone	A: Perform alone at an	GLI 5: Demonstrate increased use of vibrato.	Bartok: Folk Trilogy
and with others a varied repertoire of music.	appropriate level of mastery on a stringed	GLI 6: Tune the open strings aurally, given a pitch reference for each open string.	Various Styles of Bowing
music.	instrument.	GLI 7: Demonstrate the ability to shift to the following positions: violin/viola-3 rd and 5 th positions; cello-1/2 through 4 th positions plus 1 st , 2 nd , and 4 th finger extensions; bass-half through 5 th positions.	Bowing
		GLI 8: Demonstrate the following articulations: right and left hand pizzicato, down bow, up bow, detache, bow lift, staccato, spiccato, loure, sautille, martele, tremolo, double stops.	
	B: Recognize and	GLI 1: Imitate the style of aural models.	
	perform various styles of music.	GLI 2: Utilize appropriate bowings to create desired timbre and articulation. Use appropriate terminology to communicate articulations within the ensemble	
		GLI 3: Perform literature from a variety of genres or eras in small and large ensembles.	
	D: Perform in ensembles.	GLI 1: Interpret and respond to conducting patterns and cues in large ensembles.	
		GLI 2: Demonstrate part independence.	
		GLI 3: Work with other musicians to create a quality performance.	
		GLI 4: Cooperate with other musicians to create a positive social atmosphere.	
		GLI 5: Participate in a small ensemble such as a duet, trio, etc.	
3: Improvising melodies, variations and accompaniments.	A: Improvise melodies.	GLI 2: Create a composition for string instruments which is at least four measures in length and has at least two rhythmically independent lines and three melodically independent lines.	
	B: Improvise variations.	GLI 1: Create rhythmic and melodic variations on a given melody in binary form.	
		GLI 2: Explore stylistic considerations of various fiddle genres (e.g. Bluegrass, Celtic, Irish, etc.).	
		GLI 3: Explore stylistic bowings of various fiddle genres.	

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	C: Improvise accompaniments.	GLI 1: Improvise a "riff" background to accompany a given melody.	
4: Composing and arranging music within specific guidelines.	A: Compose music within specified guidelines.	GLI 2: Create a composition for string instruments which is at least four measures in length and has at least two rhythmically independent lines and three melodically independent lines.	
	B: Arrange music within specified guidelines.	GLI 1: Write a 2-3 voice accompaniment for a given melody using tonic, subdominant, and dominant harmonies.	
	C: Improvise accompaniments.	GLI 1: Improvise a "riff" background to accompany a given melody.	
5: Reading and notating music.	A: Read and notate rhythms.	GLI 1: Perform from notation sixteenth, eighth, dotted eighth, quarter, dotted quarter, half, dotted half and whole notes and corresponding rests in cut time, 4/4, 3/4, 2/4, 6/8, and 3/8 meters.	Introduction to Dragon Dances
		GLI 2: Use standard notation to record a dictated rhythmic example, using the above rhythms and meters.	
		GLI 3: Utilize a consistent numerically based method of counting (1-e-&-a), in cut time, 4/4, 3/4, 2/4, 6/8 and 3/8 meters.	
	C: Identify and define standard notation symbols for dynamics, articulation and expression.	GLI 3: Identify all relative major and minor key signatures and tonalities in the literature being studied.	
6: Listening to, analyzing and	A: Describe specific music events in a	GLI 1: Identify forms associated with the literature being studied. GLI 2: Use appropriate terminology to communicate about the	
describing music.	given aural example using	elements of music.	
	appropriate terminology.	GLI 3: Identify the meter in a given aural example as 4/4, 3/4, 2/4, or 6/8.	
	C: Analyze the use of music representing diverse genres and cultures.	GLI 1: Relate to other cultures through music literature being studied.	
7: Evaluating music and music	A: Develop criteria for evaluating the	GLI 2: Evaluate recorded performances of the literature being studied.	
performances.	quality and	GLI 3: Practice proper audience etiquette in selected music settings.	
	effectiveness of music	GLI 4: Attend live performances by professional musicians. GLI 5: Name representative performers for each orchestral instrument in	
	compositions.	various styles and cultures.	

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	B: Develop criteria for evaluating the quality and effectiveness of musical performances.	GLI 3: Self-evaluate home practice and seek ways to improve their personal performance. GLI 4: Make use of technology in rehearsal and home practice to assist in self-evaluation (e.g. record and playback, CD from method book or metronome). GLI 5: Practice proper audience etiquette in selected music settings. GLI 6: Attend live performances by professional musicians.	
	C: Defend personal music preferences using appropriate terminology.	GLI 1: Support personal preferences for three works of music using appropriate music terminology. GLI 2: Define aesthetics and determine how it relates to playing an instrument.	
8: Understanding relationships between music, the other arts and disciplines outside the arts.	A: Understand relationships between music and the other arts.	GLI 2: Compare and discuss the other arts in relation to music of the same artistic era (i.e. Baroque, Classical)	
	B: Understand relationships between music and disciplines outside the arts.	GLI 1: Describe ways in which the principles and subject matter of other disciplines taught in the school are interrelated with those of music. GLI 2: Discuss thematic connections between the musical literature being studied and the concepts/literature being studied in other classrooms.	
9: Understanding music in relation to history and culture.	A: Describe distinguishing characteristics of representative music genres and styles from a variety of cultures.	GLI 4: Research composers and write program notes for the literature being studied.	
	B: Classify a varied body of exemplary musical works by historical period and/or culture.	GLI 1: Explain the characteristics of cultural music being studied by the ensemble. GLI 2: Examine contemporary music styles and identify the distinctive musical characteristics.	Introduction to Dragon Dances
	C: Compare functions music serves, roles of musicians and conditions under which music is typically performed in several cultures.	GLI 1: Compare the functions that music serves in several cultures of the world. GLI 2: Explain the roles of musicians in several cultures of the world.	Introduction to Dragon Dances

STANDARDS	BENCHMARKS	GRADE LEVEL INDICATORS	CURRICULUM GUIDE SAMPLE LESSONS
	D: Identify and compare careers in music.	GLI 2: Identify various careers for musicians (e.g. education, entertainment, technical support). GLI 4: Determine criteria to select music experiences that represent skills, abilities and accomplishments (e.g. developing a portfolio). GLI 5: Explore and identify opportunities for lifelong involvement in music.	