

FIRST GRADING PERIOD

	STANDARDS		BENCHMARKS		GRADE LEVEL INDICATORS	CURRICULUM GUIDE SAMPLE LESSONS	
2:	Performing alone	A:	Perform alone at an	 GLI 1: Demo	onstrate proper seated or standing posture.	Introducing Vibrato	
	and with others a varied repertoire of	appropriate level of	appropriate level of mastery on a stringed		 GLI 2: Demo	onstrate proper left hand and arm technique.	
	music.			 GLI 3: Demo	onstrate proper right hand and arm technique.		
			instrument.		in the relationship between tone and right and left arm technique.		
				 GLI 5: Demo	onstrate basic vibrato motion.		
				 GLI 6: Tune	the open strings using the fine tuners and the aid of a tuner.		
					onstrate a consistent practice routine outside of the real setting.		
				 GLI 10: Demo	onstrate appropriate care of the instrument.		
					onstrate the ability to use a tuner or metronome as needed prove intonation, rhythm and tempo.		
		B:	Recognize and perform various styles of music.	 GLI 1: Imitat	e the style of aural models.		
		C:	Perform scales and technical exercises.		rm with accuracy and good intonation the following major :: all instruments – D,G.	Introducing Vibrato	
				 GLI 4: Shift	to half-string harmonics.		
		D:	Perform in ensembles.	 GLI 1: Interp	ret and respond to conducting patterns and cues in large ables.		
				 GLI 2: Demo	onstrate part independence.		
				 GLI 3: Work	with other musicians to create a quality performance.		
					erate with other musicians to create a positive social sphere.		
3:	Improvising	A:	Improvise	 GLI 1: Creat	e simple rhythmic patterns to be echoed by the class.		
	melodies, variations and accompaniments		melodies.	 GLI 2: Echo	patterns based on a major scale.		
4:	Composing and arranging music	C:	Use a variety of traditional and	 GLI 1: Notat	e a melody by hand.		

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within specific guidelines.	nontraditional sound sources and electronic media when composing and arranging.		
5: Reading and notating music.	A: Read and notate rhythms.	GLI 1: Perform from notation eighth, quarter, half, dotted half and whole notes and corresponding rests in 4/4, 3/4, and 2/4 meters.	
	B: Read and notate pitches.	GLI 1: Identify pitches notated in the clef which is commonly used for the instrument the student is studying.	
		GLI 3: Identify intervals in literature being studied by size and quality (Major, Minor, Perfect).	
		GLI 4: Notate a 2-4 measure dictated melody in stepwise motion in the clef the student normally reads.	
	C: Identify and define standard notation symbols for	GLI 1: Read and notate the symbols for down bow, up bow, slurs, staccato, slurred staccato, hooked bowing, bow lift, right and left hand pizzicato.	
	dynamics, articulation and expression.	GLI 3: Identify all 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 1: Sight read and perform accurately down bow and up bow symbols, bow lifts, <i>pizzicato</i> , ties, slurs, <i>detache</i> and <i>staccato</i> .	Finale from Haydn's "Surprise Symphony"
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 3: Identify the meter in a given aural example as 4/4 or 3/4.	Finale from Haydn's "Surprise Symphony"
	B: Describe music events in a given	GLI 1: Identify various repeat signs and symbols (first and second endings, D.S., Fine, etc.).	Finale from Haydn's "Surprise Symphony"
	printed example.	GLI 2: Identify meters(s), dynamics, tonality, bowings and tempo in a given printed example.	
	C: Analyze the use of music representing	GLI 1: Relate to other cultures through music literature being studied.	Finale from Haydn's "Surprise Symphony"

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		diverse genres and cultures.		
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 quality and effectiveness of musical performances.	GLI 1: Recognize the influence of musical and nonmusical aspects (e.g. concert etiquette) of performance on audience perception. GLI 2: Listen to and recognize performers representative of their instrument. GLI 5: Make use of technology in rehearsal 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 other arts and disciplines outside the arts.	B: Understand relationships between music and disciplines outside the arts.	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). GLI 2: Discover connections between the musical concepts or literature being studied and the concepts being studied in other classrooms.	
9:	Understanding music in relation to history and culture.	C: Compare functions music serves, roles of musicians and conditions under which music is typically performed in several cultures.	GLI 4: Recognize the influence of 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 3: Identify exemplary role models in the music field.	



SECOND GRADING PERIOD

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2:	Performing alone	A: Perform alone at an	GLI 1: Demonstrate proper seated or standing posture.	
	and with others a	appropriate level of mastery on a	GLI 2: Demonstrate proper left hand and arm technique.	
	varied repertoire of music.	stringed	GLI 3: Demonstrate proper right hand and arm technique.	
		instrument.	GLI 4: Explain the relationship between tone and right and left hand/arm technique.	
			GLI 5: Demonstrate basic vibrato motion.	
			GLI 6: Tune the open strings using the fine tuners and the aid of a tuner.	
			GLI 8: Demonstrate the following articulations: right and left hand <i>pizzicato</i> , down bow, up bow, <i>detache</i> , bow lift, slur, hooked bow, <i>staccato</i> , slurred <i>staccato</i> and double stops.	
			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.	
		C: Perform scales and technical exercises.	GLI 1: Perform with accuracy and good intonation the following major scales: all instruments – D,G.	
			GLI 2: Perform with accuracy and good intonation the following natural minor scales: b, e in one octave.	
		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.	
3:	Improvising melodies,	B: Improvise variations.	GLI 1: Create rhythmic and melodic variations on given simple melodies with or without an accompaniment.	Happy Birthday, Mozart! Writing

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variations and accompaniments.		GLI 4: Transpose familiar melodies within a range of an octave. Violin, viola, and cello will transpose by a P5 and bass will transpose by a P4 (in the opposite direction).	Melodies, Variations and Accompaniments
5: Reading and notating music.	A: Read and notate rhythms.	GLI 1: Perform from notation eighth, quarter, dotted quarter, half, dotted half and whole notes and corresponding rests in 4/4, 3/4, and 2/4 meters.	Happy Birthday, Mozart! Writing Melodies, Variations
		GLI 3: Utilize a consistent numerically based method of counting (1-e-&-a) in 4/4, 3/4, and 2/4 meters.	and Accompaniments
		GLI 4: Comprehend and define 4/4, 3/4 and 2/4 meters.	
	B: Read and notate pitches.	GLI 1: Identify pitches notated in the clef which is commonly used for the instrument the student is studying.	Happy Birthday, Mozart! Writing
		GLI 2: Identify pitches on the grand staff.	Melodies, Variations and Accompaniments
		GLI 3: Identify intervals in literature being studied by size and quality (Major, Minor, Perfect).	and Accompaninents
		GLI 5: Demonstrate reading from a string duet score.	
	C: Identify and define standard notation symbols for	GLI 1: Read and notate the symbols for down bow, up bow, slurs, staccato, slurred staccato, hooked bowing, bow lift, right and left hand pizzicato.	Happy Birthday, Mozart! Writing Melodies, Variations
	dynamics, articulation and expression.	GLI 2: 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>crescendo</i> and <i>decrescendo</i> .	and Accompaniments
	expression.	GLI 3: Identify all major and minor key signatures and tonalities in the literature being studied.	
	D: Sight read, accurately and	GLI 1: Sight read and perform accurately down bow and up bow symbols, bow lifts, <i>pizzicato</i> , ties, slurs, <i>detache</i> and <i>staccato</i> .	
	expressively, music with a level of difficulty appropriate to	GLI 2: Sight read eight measure, two-part examples in 2/4, 3/4, and 4/4 meters.	
	ensemble		
6: Listening to,	performance level. A: Describe specific	GLI 1: Identify forms associated with the literature being studied.	
analyzing and	music events in a	GLI 4: Distinguish between major and minor aurally.	
describing music.	given aural example using appropriate terminology.	—— GET II. Bistinguish coefficient major and minor datany.	
	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.	

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		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: Using appropriate terminology, create a rubric to evaluate music and programming choices. 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 quality and effectiveness of musical performances.	GLI 1: Recognize the influence of musical and nonmusical aspects (e.g. concert etiquette) of performance on audience perception. GLI 3: Rate ensemble performance and seek ways to improve their overall performance. GLI 5: Make use of technology in rehearsal to assist in self-evaluation (e.g. record and playback, CD from method book, 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 other arts and disciplines outside the arts.	B: Understand relationships between music and disciplines outside the arts.	GLI 2: Discover connections between the musical concepts/literature being studied and the concepts 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: Read background information and write program notes for the literature being studied.	



THIRD GRADING PERIOD

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2:	Performing alone	A:	Perform alone at an	 GLI 5:	Demonstrate basic vibrato motion.					
	and with others a varied repertoire of		appropriate level of mastery on a	 GLI 6:	Tune the open strings using the fine tuners and the aid of a tuner.					
	music.		stringed instrument.	stringed	stringed	stringed	stringed	 GLI 7:	Demonstrate the ability to perform notes in first position plus the following: violin/viola-low 2 nd finger and high 3 rd finger extension; cello-extension between 1 st and 2 nd finger to perform high 4 th finger (i.e. C#on G string); bass-1/2 position and 3 rd position.	
				 GLI 8:	Demonstrate the following articulations: right and left hand <i>pizzicato</i> , down bow, up bow, <i>detache</i> , bow lift, slur, hooked bow, <i>staccato</i> , slurred <i>staccato</i> and double stops.					
				 GLI 9:	Demonstrate a consistent practice routine outside of the rehearsal setting.					
					Demonstrate the ability to use a tuner or metronome as needed to improve intonation, rhythm and tempo.					
		B:	Recognize and perform various	 GLI 1:	Imitate the style of aural models.	Chorale and Fugue by J.S. Bach				
			styles of music.	 GLI 3:	Perform literature from a variety of genres or eras in small and large ensembles.	J.S. Bacii				
		C:	Perform scales and technical exercises.	 GLI 1:	Perform with accuracy and good intonation the following major scales: all instruments-D, G, A and C.					
				 GLI 3:	Perform with accuracy and good intonation the following arpeggios up and down: D, G, A and C.					
		D:	Perform in ensembles.		Participate in a small ensemble such as a duet, trio etc.					
3:	Improvising melodies, variations and accompaniments.	A:	Improvise melodies.	 GLI 3:	Echo patterns based on a I-V-I progression.					
		B:	Improvise	 GLI 1:	Create rhythmic variations on given pitches or simple					
			variations.	 GLI 2:	Choose melodic embellishments (e.g. trills, turns, etc.).melodies with or without accompaniment.					
				 GLI 3:	Vary a given melodic idea using various bowings and articulations.					

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		GLI 4: Transpose single string melodic patterns within a range of a perfect 4 th for basses and perfect 5 th for violin, viola, and cello by playing the same finger patterns on a different string.	
	C: Improvise accompaniments.	GLI 1: Create a simple rhythmic accompaniment in 4/4 or 3/4 given specific pitches and using easy double stops.	
4: Composing and arranging music	A: Compose music within specified	GLI 1: Write a melodic composition of four or more measures in 4/4, 3/4, or 2/4.	
within specific guidelines.	guidelines.	GLI 3: Make use of the dynamic markings <i>f</i> , <i>mf</i> , <i>mp</i> , and <i>p</i> in compositions.	
	B: Arrange music within specified guidelines.	GLI 2: Arrange a piano reduction into a duet or trio for a string ensemble.	
5: Reading and notating music.	A: 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.	
		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 notated in the clef which is commonly used for the instrument the student is studying.	
		GLI 3: Identify intervals in literature being studied by size and quality (Major, Minor, Perfect).	
	C: Identify and define standard notation symbols for dynamics, articulation and expression.	GLI 3: Identify all major and minor key signatures and tonalities in the literature being studied.	
	D: Sight read, accurately and	GLI 1: Sight read and perform accurately down bow and up bow symbols, bow lifts, <i>pizzicato</i> , ties, slurs, <i>detache</i> and <i>staccato</i> .	
	expressively, music with a level of difficulty appropriate to ensemble performance level.	GLI 3: Sight read the following expressive markings: <i>p, mp, mf, f, crescendo and decrescendo</i> .	
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.	

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	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.	
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 quality and effectiveness of musical performances.	GLI 1: Recognize the influence of musical and nonmusical aspects (e.g. concert etiquette) of performance on audience perception. GLI 3: Rate ensemble performance and seek ways to improve their overall performance. GLI 5: Make use of technology in rehearsal to assist in self-evaluation (e.g. record and playback, CD from method book, metronome). GLI 6: Practice proper audience etiquette in selected music settings. GLI 7: 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: Recognize parallels in descriptors in the arts (e.g. balance, texture, color, and form).	
	B: Understand relationships between music and disciplines outside the arts.	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). GLI 2: Discover connections between the musical concepts/literature being studied and the concepts being studied in other classrooms.	

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9: Understanding music in relation to history and culture.	ε	GLI 1: Recognize one major Western composer from each musical era. GLI 2: Recognize possible correlations between major musical and historical events in time. GLI 3: Demonstrate knowledge of music of diverse cultures.	Chorale and Fugue by J.S. Bach



FOURTH GRADING PERIOD

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2:	Performing alone	A: Perform alone at an	GLI 5: Demonstrate basic vibrato motion.	Finale from Haydn's
	and with others a varied repertoire of	appropriate level of mastery on a	GLI 6: Tune the open strings using the fine tuners and the aid of a tuner.	"Surprise Symphony
	music.	stringed instrument.	GLI 7: Demonstrate the ability to perform notes in first position plus the following: violin/viola-low 2 nd finger and high 3 rd finger extension; cello-extension between 1 st and 2 nd finger to perform high 4 th finger (i.e. C#on G string); bass-1/2 position and 3 rd position.	
			GLI 8: Demonstrate the following articulations: right and left hand <i>pizzicato</i> , down bow, up bow, <i>detache</i> , bow lift, slur, hooked bow, <i>staccato</i> , slurred <i>staccato</i> and double stops.	
			GLI 9: Demonstrate a consistent practice routine outside of the rehearsal setting.	
			GLI 11: Demonstrate the ability to use a tuner or metronome as needed to improve intonation, rhythm and tempo.	
		B: Recognize and	GLI 1: Imitate the style of aural models.	Finale from Haydn's
		perform various styles of music.	GLI 2: Apply two or three performance styles to a familiar piece of music.	"Surprise Symphony
		C: Perform scales and technical exercises.	GLI 1: Perform with accuracy and good intonation the following major scales: all instruments-D, G, A, C.	Finale from Haydn's "Surprise Symphony
		D: Perform in ensembles.	GLI 1: Interpret and respond to conducting patterns and cues in large ensembles.	Finale from Haydn's "Surprise Symphony
3:	Improvising melodies, variations and accompaniments.	A: Improvise melodies.	GLI 4: Echo patterns based on a specific fiddle genre and/or blues.	Improvising on "Summertime"
		B: Improvise variations.	GLI 3: Vary a given melodic idea using various bowings and articulations.	
		C: Improvise accompaniments.	GLI 2: Improvise an ostinato accompaniment using the notes of a major scale and a given chord progression.	
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 melodically independent lines.	

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	B: Arrange music within specified guidelines.	GLI 1: Write one harmonic accompaniment for a given melody, choosing between tonic and dominant harmonies.	
	C: Use a variety of traditional and nontraditional sound sources and electronic media when composing and arranging.	GLI 2: Create a lead sheet with melody and chord changes using notation software.	
5: Reading and notating music.	A: Read and notate rhythms.	GLI 1: Perform from notation eighth, quarter, half, dotted half andwhole notes and corresponding rests in cut time, 4/4, 3/4, and 2/4 meters.	
		GLI 2: Use standard notation to record a dictated rhythmic example, using the above rhythms and meters.	
	B: Read and notate pitches.	GLI 1: Identify pitches notated in the clef which is commonly used for the instrument the student is studying.	
		GLI 3: Identify intervals in literature being studied by size and quality (Major, Minor, Perfect).	
	C: Identify and define standard notation symbols for dynamics, articulation and expression.	GLI 3: Identify all major and minor key signatures and tonalities in the literature being studied.	
	D: Sight read, accurately and	GLI 1: Sight read and perform accurately down bow and up bow symbols, bow lifts, <i>pizzicato</i> , ties, slurs, <i>detache</i> and <i>staccato</i> .	
	expressively, music with a level of difficulty	GLI 4: Sight read music containing the following rhythms: quarter, dotted quarter, eighth, half, dotted half, and whole notes and corresponding rests.	
	appropriate to ensemble performance level.	GLI 5: Sight read music with an ensemble and within the composer's given tempo range (e.g. <i>andante</i> 76-108).	
7: Evaluating music and music	A: Develop a criteria for evaluating the	GLI 1: Using appropriate terminology, create a rubric to evaluate music and programming choices.	
performance.	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.	
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.	

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	appropriate terminology. 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.	Improvising on "Summertime"
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 quality and effectiveness of musical performances.	GLI 1: Recognize the influence of musical and nonmusical aspects (e.g. concert etiquette) of performance on audience perception. GLI 3: Rate ensemble performance and seek ways to improve their overall performance. GLI 4: Self-evaluate home practice and seek ways to improve their personal performance. GLI 5: Make use of technology in rehearsal to assist in self-evaluation (e.g. record and playback, CD from method book, metronome). GLI 6: Practice proper audience etiquette in selected music settings. GLI 7: Attend live performances by professional musicians.	Improvising on "Summertime"
8: Understanding relationships between music, the other arts and disciplines outside the arts.	A: Understand relationships between music and the other arts.	GLI 2: Recognize the influence different styles of music can have on the ideas presented by other arts and vice versa.	
	B: Understand relationships between music and disciplines outside the arts.	GLI 2: Discover connections between the musical concepts/literature being studied and the concepts being studied in other classrooms.	
9: Understanding music in relation to history and culture.	B: Classify a varied body of exemplary musical works by	GLI 1: Explain the characteristics of cultural music being studied by the ensemble.	_

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	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 1: Compare the functions that music serves in several cultures of the world. GLI 2: Identify the roles of musicians in two other cultures of the world. GLI 3: Identify the conditions under which music is typically performed in two other cultures of the world.	
	D: Identify and compare careers in music.	GLI 2: Identify various careers for musicians (e.g. education, entertainment, technical support).	