

6th Grade Instrumental Music Syllabus
North St. Paul – Maplewood – Oakdale School District 622
John Glenn Middle School

Full Year Course

Standards met: Minnesota Academic Standards in 6th grade Instrumental Music.

Curriculum: Instrumental Music Essential Outcomes.

1. The student will demonstrate the standard embouchure for their instrument.
2. The student will demonstrate proper care and assembly of their instrument.
3. The student will demonstrate appropriate instrument grip.
4. The student will demonstrate awareness of ways to improve tone production and intonation by making appropriate adjustments in embouchure, posture, and breath support.
5. The student will recognize letter names of notes, including sharps, flats, and naturals over one octave.
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7. The student will demonstrate proper techniques in the attack and release of sounds: tongue, accent, slur, ties, tenuto, marcato, and staccato.
8. The student will count and perform rhythm patterns using the following notes and rests: whole, half, quarter, eighth, dotted half, and dotted quarter.
9. The student will perform musical selections in the following time signatures: 4/4, 3/4, and 2/4.
10. The student will define the following symbols and interpret through performance: dynamic markings, tempo markings, breath marks, repeat signs, first and second endings, long rests, and D.C. al fine.

Course Outline: Topics to be covered in chronological order based on class textbook.

Course Requirements: Lesson schedules and performance exams will be published each trimester. Make-up work (lessons or performance exams) must be completed prior to the end of the trimester.

Grading Procedures: The band grade will be determined by a student's performance during rehearsals, at lessons and assigned playing exams.

Rehearsal Evaluation (33%) includes:

Instrument, music, correct posture, correct playing position, makes proper entrances, knows/asks for correct fingerings, positive attitude, quiet when appropriate, applies correct rhythm, dynamics and technique.

Lesson Evaluation (33%) includes:

Attends and performs as per the rehearsal evaluation. Students may attend make-up lessons.

Playing Exams (34%):

Correct performance of assigned exercises including: tone, intonation, technique, rhythm, attacks, dynamics, and tempo. Other factors such as posture and instrument position will also be graded. Students may take as many attempts as they wish on assigned music each trimester and will receive their best score. Group lessons will take place approximately every 2-3 weeks. Items to be prepared for the playing exam will be covered during lessons.

Text and other Resource Material: Standard of Excellence Book One and additional grade-level music to be handed out for rehearsal and performance purposes.

Important Information

Concerts: Please see the concert schedule for dates and times of all performances.

First Week of School: Your child will NOT need their instrument the first few days of school. I will issue lockers before instruments are to be brought to school.

Folders: Folders will be handed out the first week of school.

Instrument Repair: These are the two repair shops that I use.

Haas Musical Instrument Repair 651-631-8820

Eckroth Music 651-704-9654

Instrument Supplies: Supplies may be purchased at any music store. Order forms are available at John Glenn to order supplies (reeds, valve oil, new mouthpieces, etc.) from Eckroth Music for your convenience. Supplies will be delivered to your child at John Glenn if these order forms are used. **There will be a sale (50% off) on reeds the first month of school.**

Jazz Ensemble: Jazz ensemble is open to members of the 7th and 8th grade bands who play trombone, trumpet, saxophone, drum set, keyboards and guitar. There will be a sign up sheet and auditions the first month of school. Rehearsals are on Monday and Tuesday mornings from 7:00-7:48 am. Membership is determined by audition, ability to handle advanced levels of music, and the need for instrumental balance.

Lesson Book: All students use the Standard of Excellence series. Book one for grade 6 and book two for grades 7 & 8. Please purchase the book for your child's instrument.

Lessons: Students will receive group lessons approximately once every 2-3 weeks. The lesson schedule will be posted in the band room, given to students who wish to have a copy, and posted on the John Glenn website.

Lockers: Lockers will be issued the first week of school. Students may bring a lock from home to secure their instrument, or be issued one from school at no cost. All students should have their name, address, and phone number on their case.

Make-up Lessons: If your child misses a lesson (illness, forgotten instrument, forgotten lesson, etc.) it can be made up after school by seeing Mr. Grill. Make-up lessons can be scheduled from 2:35-3:00 pm or from 7:30-7:50 am (excluding Monday and Tuesday).

Percussion: Percussion instruments will be provided at school so students should not bring their percussion kits from home. The percussion kits should be used at home for practice purposes. Please bring your drumsticks to rehearsals.

Performance Exams: Students will be assigned 5-8 examples from the lesson book to perform for a grade each trimester. The student may take the performance exam as many times as they wish during the trimester to get the grade they desire.

Practice Rooms: Practice rooms are available for your child's use before school, during resource and after school. See Mr. Grill for a pass to use the practice rooms.

Rehearsals: Rehearsals are held every-other-day throughout the school year during the team resource period. Students should bring their instrument, music, lesson book and a pencil to all rehearsals.

School Instruments: If your child plays a school instrument (baritone, French horn, tuba, etc.), they will be issued an instrument the first week of school.

Stands: Music stands will be provided at school. I encourage all parents/guardians to purchase a wire stand for use at home.

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