

Unit Plan – Varsity Band

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School City, State:	Stratford, WI 54484	
Unit Overview		
Unit Plan Title:	Winter Concert	
Curriculum-Framing Questions		
Essential Question	What is the highest level of performance that this ensemble can be reasonably expected to achieve? How does an instrumental ensemble in a secular school perform music during a sacred holiday without blurring lines of distinction? Where is the balance point between sacred and secular that provides the audience with an authentic listening experience?	
Unit Questions	What are the musical goals of this ensemble? What individual and sectional responsibilities must be met in order to reach our goals as an ensemble? How can we as musicians reflect the varied traditions of the holiday season? How is Western music rooted in the sacred genre? What are the foundations of essential musicality that must be established?	
Content Questions	In what ways can a concert band present winter themed music, including holiday music that reflect a diverse array of cultures and traditions?	
Unit Summary:		
The Varsity Band will prepare four or five pieces of music for the annual Winter Concert. Pieces will be selected from repertoire representing a difficulty of 3 – 5, with emphasis on music of higher difficulty. Music is selected to reflect the mood of the season, to celebrate American holiday traditions and to explore and enhance the understanding of non-Western holiday festivities.		
Subject Area(s): Click box(es) of the subject(s) that your Unit targets		
<input type="checkbox"/> Business Education	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Drama	<input type="checkbox"/> Other:
<input type="checkbox"/> Engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> Foreign Language	<input type="checkbox"/> Other:
<input type="checkbox"/> Home Economics	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial Technology	<input type="checkbox"/> Other:
<input type="checkbox"/> Language Arts	<input type="checkbox"/> Math	

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Music | <input type="checkbox"/> Physical Education |
| <input type="checkbox"/> School to Career | <input type="checkbox"/> Science |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Social Studies | <input type="checkbox"/> Technology |

Grade Level: Click box(es) of the grade level(s) that your Unit targets

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| <input type="checkbox"/> K-2 | <input type="checkbox"/> 3-5 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 6-8 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 9-12 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ESL | <input type="checkbox"/> Resource |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gifted and Talented | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: |

Targeted State Frameworks/Content Standards/Benchmarks:

B.12.6, B.12.7, B.12.8, B.12.9, E.12.10, E.12.11, F.12.11, F.12.12F.12.16, G.12.7, I.12.9, I.12.11

Student Objectives/Learning Outcomes:

I can:

- Apply myself in daily rehearsal, working to make a positive musical contribution to the ensemble
- Recognize and define in word and performance the various terms presented in the music and during the course of rehearsal
- Continue my study of note reading, rhythm, articulation and dynamics, recognizing any deficiencies and working to remedy them.
- Perform music with appropriate attention to core musical principles of blend, balance and intonation.
- Collaborate with my peers to enhance the overall performance of the ensemble through sectional work and peer leadership roles
- Take the initiative to be bold and confident in my playing
- Address my peers and my director with mutual respect
- Expand my knowledge of various cultural traditions surrounding the winter holiday season
- Critique my own performance and the performance of others using a standard form provided by the instructor

Procedures:

Daily Rehearsal:

- Each day's goals for rehearsal will be posted on the board before each rehearsal
- Announcements will be provided highlighting deadlines, upcoming events or other information pertaining to the music department before warm-ups begin.
- Students are to prepare their music, instrument and section each day upon entering the room
- Rehearsal begins and student talking stops when the director steps on the podium.
- Students are expected to have a pencil with them at all times, making any marks in their music as directed by the instructor or as individually needed
- Rehearsals will progress as scheduled. Time will be provided to ask questions. Peer collaboration time will also be included when needed.
- At the end of each rehearsal, students are to clean up their own equipment and will

also help in tidying the room as required.																
Approximate Time Needed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Daily rehearsal time as scheduled, 45 minutes per. • Sectionals and individual help time scheduled as needed. 																
Prerequisite Skills: Students must: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have a fundamental grasp of core concepts of musicality and performance practice • Be willing to work towards the betterment of the ensemble through collaboration and mutual respect • Have time to work on their individual parts outside the scheduled daily rehearsal time • Manage their schedules outside of school to participate fully in concerts and activities scheduled outside the school day 																
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Printed Materials:	Sheet music, fingering/trill charts, various guides printed as needed															
Supplies:	Instrument and supplies (reeds, oil, etc.), pencil, concert dress (outlined in syllabus)															
Internet Resources:	Provided as needed															
Others:	N/A															
Accommodations for Differentiated Instruction Resource Student: Additional one-on-one practice will be scheduled with the director as needed. Additional print resources will be provided as needed. Students may make needed annotations in music.																

Non-Native English Speaker:	Assigned mentor/guide from within the class, assistance with translation using ESL staff.
Gifted Student:	Leadership roles, mentor opportunities with underclassmen, assistance with the development and implementation of the concert music. Solos or small ensembles will be assigned as appropriate.
Student Assessment:	<p>Students will be assessed as sections and as a band daily with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Section playing checks for musicality & accuracy • Audio recordings of concert literature <p>Final assessment will be conducted via video recording of performance. Video will be assessed in class with a standard form for musical accuracy.</p>