

# Year at a Glance



## Orchestra 5 Honors and Orchestra 6 Honors

# 1302400 and #1302410

### 2021-2022 School Year

#### Course Description:

**Orchestra 5 Honors:** Students with considerable orchestral experience advance their string and ensemble performance techniques, music literacy, music theory, and aesthetic engagement through high-quality orchestra literature. Student musicians use reflection and problem-solving skills to improve performance significantly based on structural, cultural, and historical understanding of the music.

**Orchestra 6 Honors:** Students with substantial orchestral experience focus on mastery of advanced music skills, techniques, and processes through study, rehearsal, and performance of high-quality orchestra literature. Advanced string players self-diagnose and consider multiple solutions to artistic challenges based on background knowledge of the repertoire, and explore creativity through composition, arranging, and/or use of technology.

**Both classes:** Public performances may serve as a culmination of specific instructional goals. Students may be required to attend and/or participate in rehearsals and performances outside the school day to support, extend, and assess learning in the classroom. Students in this class may need to obtain (e.g., borrow, rent, purchase) an instrument from an outside source.

**Honors and Advanced Level Course Note:** Advanced courses require a greater demand on students through increased academic rigor. Academic rigor is obtained through the application, analysis, evaluation, and creation of complex ideas that are often abstract and multi-faceted. Students are challenged to think and collaborate critically on the content they are learning. Honors level rigor will be achieved by increasing text complexity through text selection, focus on high-level qualitative measures, and complexity of task. Instruction will be structured to give students a deeper understanding of conceptual themes and organization within and across disciplines. Academic rigor is more than simply assigning to students a greater quantity of work.

#### Standards:

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**Note: Teachers may use additional resources as listed on individual classroom syllabi. For specific questions regarding individual classrooms, please contact the teacher for clarification.**

**This guide represents a recommended sequence that can be used voluntarily by teachers. Dates may vary depending on individual classrooms. For specific questions regarding pacing please contact the individual teacher for clarification.**

**The following Benchmarks in Music are addressed daily in orchestra rehearsals. They are considered over-arching Music Benchmarks:**

- Evaluate and make appropriate adjustments to personal performance in solo and ensembles.
- Transfer accepted composition conventions and performance practices of a specific style to a contrasting style of music.
- Interpret and perform expressive elements indicated by the musical score and/or conductor.
- Perform and notate, independently and accurately, melodies by ear.
- Apply the ability to memorize and internalize musical structure, accurate and expressive details, and processing skills to the creation or performance of music literature.
- Transfer expressive elements and performance techniques from one piece of music to another.
- Synthesize a broad range of musical skills by performing a varied repertoire with expression, appropriate stylistic interpretation, technical accuracy, and kinesthetic energy.
- Sight-read music accurately and expressively to show synthesis of skills.
- Develop and demonstrate proper instrumental technique.

Quarter	Major Concepts/Topics
1	<p><b>Instrument Fundamentals</b>  <b>See over-arching Music Benchmarks above.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Evaluate the organizational principles and conventions in musical works and discuss their effect on structure.</li> <li>• Transpose melodies into different modalities through performance and composition.</li> </ul>
2	<p><b>Music Fundamentals</b>  <b>See over-arching Music Benchmarks above.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Apply listening strategies to promote appreciation and understanding of unfamiliar works.</li> <li>• Analyze instruments of the world and classify them by common traits.</li> <li>• Investigate and discuss how a culture’s traditions are reflected through its music.</li> <li>• Compare the work of, and influences on, two or more exemplary composers in the performance medium studied in class.</li> <li>• Compare two or more works of a composer across performance media.</li> <li>• Analyze music within cultures to gain understanding of authentic performance practices.</li> <li>• Evaluate the social impact of music on specific historical periods.</li> </ul> <p><b>Additional Standards for Orchestra 6 Honors</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Transcribe aurally presented songs into melodic and/or rhythmic notation to show synthesis of aural and notational skills.</li> </ul>
3	<p><b>MPA and Critical Thinking</b>  <b>See over-arching Music Benchmarks above.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Compare, using correct music vocabulary, the aesthetic impact of two or more performances of a musical work to one’s own hypothesis of the composer’s intent.</li> <li>• Evaluate performance quality in recorded and/or live performances.</li> <li>• Make critical evaluations, based on exemplary models, of the quality and effectiveness of performances and apply the criteria to personal development in music.</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Define, prioritize, monitor, and successfully complete tasks related to individual musical performance or project presentation, without direct oversight, demonstrating skills for use in the workplace.</li> <li>• Design and implement a personal learning plan, related to the study of music, which demonstrates self-assessment, brain-storming, decision-making, and initiative to advance skills and/or knowledge.</li> <li>• Analyze how Western music has been influenced by historical and current world cultures.</li> <li>• Analyze the evolution of a music genre.</li> <li>• Analyze expressive elements in a musical work and describe how the choices and manipulations of the elements support, for the listener, the implied meaning of the composer/performer.</li> <li>• Sight-read music accurately and expressively to show synthesis of skills.</li> <li>• Analyze and describe the effect of rehearsal sessions and/or strategies on refinement of skills and techniques.</li> </ul>
4	<p><b>Musical and Extra-Musical Concepts and Copyright</b>  <b>See over-arching Music Benchmarks above.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Analyze and describe how meeting one’s responsibilities in music offers opportunities to develop leadership skills, and identify personal examples of leadership in school and/or non-school settings.</li> <li>• Summarize copyright laws that govern printed, recorded, and on-line music to promote legal and responsible use of intellectual property and technology.</li> <li>• Examine the effects of developing technology on composition, performance, and acquisition of music.</li> <li>• Apply knowledge of science, math, and music to demonstrate, through an acoustic or digital performance medium, how sound production affects musical performance.</li> <li>• Analyze and evaluate the effect of "traditional" and contemporary technologies on the development of music.</li> <li>• Design or refine a résumé for application to higher education or the workforce that highlights marketable skills and knowledge gained through music training.</li> <li>• Analyze the effect of the arts and entertainment industry on the economic and social health of communities and regions.</li> </ul> <p><b>Additional Standards for Orchestra 6 Honors</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Compare the organizational structure of a professional orchestra, chorus, quintet, or other ensemble to that of a business.</li> </ul>