

Course Title: Grades 4,5 Strings I **Board Approval Date: June, 2011**
Credit / Hours: 30 lessons, 30 string ensemble rehearsals

Course Description:

This course focuses on a development of skills students need to become successful string instrument players. Students can select the violin, viola, cello, or string bass to learn to play. During string lessons and string ensemble level I, students will learn basic skills necessary for intermediate and advanced lessons on the string instruments. Concepts covered are mechanics of the instrument, tone production, proper technique, rhythm, texture, form, interpretation, and historical and cultural backgrounds of the pieces of music studied throughout the year.

Learning Activities / Modes of Assessment:

Small group lessons (playing instruments,
Teacher observation
Singing activities, listening activities)
Theory workbook assignments
Large group string ensemble rehearsals (playing instruments, singing activities,
listening activities)
Lesson performance
Concert performance

Instructional Resources:

All for Strings Theory Book 1 (Kjos Publishing)
Essential Elements for Strings 2000 (Hal Leonard Publishing)
Sound Innovations (Alfred Publishing)
Various pieces for full string ensemble, level appropriate

Course Pacing Guide

Course: Strings Level I (Grades 4 and 5)

Course Unit (Topic)	Length of Instruction (Days/Periods)
1. Mechanics of Instrument	60 days
2. Tone Production	60 days
3. Technique	60 days
4. Rhythm	60 days
5. Texture	60 days
6. Form	60 days
7. Interpretation	60 days
8. History/Culture	60 days