

Course Title: Strings II

Board Approval Date: June, 2011

Hours: 30 lessons, 30 string ensemble rehearsals

Course Description:

Strings II course focuses on mastery of the PA Academic Standards for the Arts and Humanities and the National Standards for Music Education at the intermediate level. As students progress through this course they will participate in a systematic study of a String Instrument applying tone production, music reading skills, fingerings, articulation, and phrasing to the performance of that instrument at an intermediate level (Grade 2-3 Level Music). At the end of these years of study, the student will participate in a group performance demonstrating the skills learned during the year.

Learning Activities / Modes of Assessment:

Playing in small group lessons
Playing in large ensemble
Playing alone or with one or two others
Warm-up exercises
Rhythmic clapping and syllable exercises
Written quizzes
Chamber Concert
Winter Concert
Final performance (Spring Concert) in May
Teacher observation

Instructional Resources:

Essential Elements 2000, Book II (Hal Leonard Corporation, 2000)
Selected Strings/Orchestra Music with a variety of styles at a Grade 2 - 3 Level.
Sight-reading music literature.
Various warm-up books.

Course Pacing Guide

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