

High School Symphonic Band Curriculum

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Mt. Healthy Band... A Reason to be Proud

Greater focus on sheet music and performances - Tradition of Excellence Book 3

Music Literacy goal	(in addition to level 1 and 2) Level 3	(in addition to level 1 and 2) Level 4
Rhythm	 Sight read simple cut time rhythms with diatonic stepwise melodies Sight read simple compound rhythms with diatonic stepwise melodies Able to count compound meter with sixteenth notes (like #49 and 57 exercises in the book) Able to call response with time changes 	 ➤ Able to sight read common time rhythms with diatonic stepwise melodies ➤ Able to sight read cut time rhythms with diatonic stepwise melodies ➤ Able to sight read compound rhythms with diatonic stepwise melodies ➤ Able to independently play music with time changes ➤ Intro Asymmetrical meter ➤ Explore 12/8; 9/8; 5/4; 6/4 and 3/2 etc.
Dynamics and phrasing	 Add their own dynamics and independently decide about phrasing Independent musicality 	 Add their own dynamics and independently decide about phrasing Independent musicality

Music Literacy goal	New Material introduced	Tested Material – playing and written – formal and informal
Scales, notes, ranges	 G major A major How to create different forms of the minor Clark studies for all 12 scales Circle of 5^{ths} and 4^{ths} How to work with key signatures all 12 16th note exercises for Bb, F, C, Eb, Ab, Db 	 ➢ Gb / F# major ➢ E major ➢ How to create different forms of the minor ➢ How to find the relative major and minor ➢ Clark studies for all 12 scales ➢ Circle of 5^{ths} and 4^{ths} ➢ How to work with key signatures all 12 ➢ 16th note exercises for Bb, F, C, Eb, Ab, Db
Articulations	 All in tune with a good sound Consistent matching ensemble sound 	> All in tune with a good sound > Consistent matching ensemble sound >

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		playing and written – formal and informal	
Tone, intonation,	Know when to use vibrato	Know when to use vibrato	
embouchure,	Playing in tune across dynamics	Playing in tune across dynamics	
posture, breathing,	Refine chord tuning (hearing root, third, fifth)	Refine chord tuning (hearing root, third, fifth)	
balance, hand	Trumpets using tuning slides	Trumpets using tuning slides	
position	Woodwinds using alternate fingerings	Woodwinds using alternate fingerings	
	Trombones adjusting slide positions	Trombones adjusting slide positions	
	Horn tuning with hand and using trigger fingerings	Horn tuning with hand and using trigger fingerings	
	Tubas and baritones know when to us fourth valve	Tubas and baritones know when to us fourth valve	
	Know individual tuning tendencies and instrument	Know individual tuning tendencies and instrument	
	tendencies	tendencies	
Theory and	Presto	> Presto	
miscellaneous terms	Piu mosso	Piu mosso	
miscellaneous terms	Menno mosso	Menno mosso	
	Rubato	Rubato	
	All terms in music played	All terms in music played	