

Course Title: Band II

Board Approval Date: June, 2011

Hours: 60 small group lessons, 60 hours ensemble

Course Description:

Band II (Prep Band) course focuses on mastery of the PA Academic Standards for the Arts and Humanities and the National Standards for Music Education at the lower middle level. As students progress through this course they will participate in a systematic study of a Band Instrument applying tone production, music reading skills, fingerings, articulation, breathing, and basic phrasing to the performance of that instrument at a second year level (Grade 1.5 - 2 Level Music). During this year of study the student will participate in two major concerts that will include music with a variety of cultural and historic styles and forms.

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
Final performance (Spring Concert) in May
Teacher observation

Instructional Resources:

Essential Elements 2000, Book 1 (Hal Leonard Corporation, 2004)
Essential Elements 2000, Book 2 (Hal Leonard Corporation, 2004)
Selected Band Music with a variety of styles and forms at a Grade 1.5 and Grade 2 Level.

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. Melody	60 days
7. Harmony/Texture	60 days
8. Form	60 days
9. History/Culture	60 days