

Music Theory and Composition: Grades 9, 10, 11, 12

Adopted 2015

Creating

1. Generate and conceptualize artistic ideas and work

Proficient: Describe how sounds and short musical ideas can be used to represent personal experiences, moods, visual images, and/or storylines.

Accomplished: Describe and demonstrate how sounds and musical ideas can be used to represent sonic events, memories, visual images, concepts, texts, or storylines.

Advanced: Describe and demonstrate multiple ways in which sounds and musical ideas can be used to represent extended sonic experiences or abstract ideas.

2. Organize and develop artistic ideas and work

Proficient: Assemble and organize sounds or short musical ideas to create initial expressions of selected experiences, moods, images, or storylines.

Proficient: Identify and describe the development of sounds or short musical ideas in drafts of music within simple forms (such as one-part, cyclical, or binary).

Accomplished: Assemble and organize multiple sounds or musical ideas to create initial expressive statements of selected sonic events, memories, images, concepts, texts, or storylines.

Accomplished: Describe and explain the development of sounds and musical ideas in drafts of music within a variety of simple or moderately complex forms (such as binary, rondo, or ternary).

Advanced: Assemble and organize multiple sounds or extended musical ideas to create initial expressive statements of selected extended sonic experiences or abstract ideas.

Advanced: Analyze and demonstrate the development of sounds and extended musical ideas in drafts of music within a variety of moderately complex or complex forms.

3. Refine and complete artistic work

Proficient: Identify, describe, and apply teacher-provided criteria to assess and refine the technical and expressive aspects of evolving drafts leading to final versions.

Proficient: Share music through the use of notation, performance, or technology, and demonstrate how the elements of music have been employed to realize expressive intent.

Proficient: Describe the given context and performance medium for presenting personal works, and how they impact the final composition and presentation.

Accomplished: Identify, describe, and apply selected teacher-provided or personally-developed criteria to assess and refine the technical and expressive aspects of evolving drafts leading to final versions.

Accomplished: Share music through the use of notation, solo or group performance, or technology, and demonstrate and describe how the elements of music and compositional techniques have been employed to realize expressive intent.

Accomplished: Describe the selected contexts and performance mediums for presenting personal works, and explain why they successfully impact the final composition and presentation.

Advanced: Research, identify, explain, and apply personally developed criteria to assess and refine the technical and expressive aspects of evolving drafts leading to final versions.

Advanced: Share music through the use of notation, solo or group performance, or technology, and demonstrate and explain how the elements of music, compositional techniques and processes have been employed to realize expressive intent.

Advanced: Describe a variety of possible contexts and mediums for presenting personal works, and explain and compare how each could impact the success of the final composition and presentation.

Performing

4. Select, Analyze and Interpret artistic work for performance

Proficient: Identify and select specific excerpts, passages, or sections in musical works that express a personal experience, mood, visual image, or storyline in simple forms (such as one-part, cyclical, binary).

Proficient: Analyze how the elements of music (including form) of selected works relate to style and mood, and explain the implications for rehearsal or performance.

Proficient: Develop interpretations of works based on an understanding of the use of elements of music, style, and mood, explaining how the interpretive choices reflect the creators' intent.

Accomplished: Identify and select specific passages, sections, or movements in musical works that express personal experiences and interests, moods, visual images, concepts, texts, or storylines in simple forms (such as binary, ternary, rondo) or moderately complex forms.

Accomplished: Analyze how the elements of music (including form) of selected works relate to the style, function, and context, and explain the implications for rehearsal and performance.

Accomplished: Develop interpretations of works based on an understanding of the use of elements of music, style, mood, function, and context, explaining and supporting how the interpretive choices reflect the creators' intent.

Advanced: Identify and select specific sections, movements, or entire works that express personal experiences and interests, moods, visual images, concepts, texts, or storylines in moderately complex or complex forms.

Advanced: Analyze how the elements of music (including form), and compositional techniques of selected works relate to the style, function, and context, and explain and support the analysis and its implications for rehearsal and performance.

Advanced: Develop interpretations of works based on an understanding of the use of elements of music (including form), compositional techniques, style, function, and context, explaining and justifying how the interpretive choices reflect the creators' intent.

5. Develop and refine artistic techniques and work for presentation

Proficient: Create rehearsal plans for works, identifying repetition and variation within the form.

Proficient: Using established criteria and feedback, identify the way(s) in which performances convey the elements of music, style, and mood.

Proficient: Identify and implement strategies for improving the technical and expressive aspects of multiple works.

Accomplished: Create rehearsal plans for works, identifying the form, repetition and variation within the form, and the style and historical or cultural context of the work.

Accomplished: Using established criteria and feedback, identify the ways in which performances convey the formal design, style, and historical/cultural context of the works.

Accomplished: Identify and implement strategies for improving the technical and expressive aspects of varied works.

Advanced: Create rehearsal plans for works, identifying the form, repetition and variation within the form, compositional techniques, and the style and historical or cultural context of the work.

Advanced: Using established criteria and feedback, identify the ways in which performances use compositional techniques and convey the formal design, style, and historical/cultural context of the works.

Advanced: Identify, compare, and implement strategies for improving the technical and expressive aspects of multiple contrasting works.

6. Convey meaning through the presentation of artistic work

Proficient: Share live or recorded performances of works (both personal and others'), and explain how the elements of music are used to convey intent.

Proficient: Identify how compositions are appropriate for an audience or context, and how this will shape future compositions.

Accomplished: Share live or recorded performances of works (both personal and others'), and explain how the elements of music and compositional techniques are used to convey intent.

Accomplished: Explain how compositions are appropriate for both audience and context, and how this will shape future compositions.

Advanced: Share live or recorded performances of works (both personal and others'), and explain and/or demonstrate understanding of how the expressive intent of the music is conveyed.

Advanced: Explain how compositions are appropriate for a variety of audiences and contexts, and how this will shape future compositions.

Responding

7. Perceive and analyze artistic work

Proficient: Apply teacher-provided criteria to select music that expresses a personal experience, mood, visual image, or storyline in simple forms (such as onepart, cyclical, binary), and describe the choices as models for composition.

Proficient: Analyze aurally the elements of music (including form) of musical works, relating them to style, mood, and context, and describe how the analysis provides models for personal growth as composer, performer, and/or listener.

Accomplished: Apply teacher-provided or personally developed criteria to select music that expresses personal experiences and interests, moods, visual images, concepts, texts, or storylines in simple or moderately complex forms, and describe and defend the choices as models for composition.

Accomplished: Analyze aurally and/or by reading the scores of musical works the elements of music (including form), compositional techniques and procedures, relating them to style, mood, and context; and explain how the analysis provides models for personal growth as composer, performer, and/or listener.

Advanced: Apply researched or personally developed criteria to select music that expresses personal experiences and interests, visual images, concepts, texts, or storylines in moderately complex or complex forms, and describe and justify the choice as models for composition.

Advanced: Analyze aurally and/or by reading the scores of musical works the elements of music (including form), compositional techniques and procedures, relating them to aesthetic effectiveness, style, mood, and context; and explain how the analysis provides models for personal growth as composer, performer, and/or listener.

8. Interpret intent and meaning in artistic work

Proficient: Develop and explain interpretations of varied works, demonstrating an understanding of the composers' intent by citing technical and expressive aspects as well as the style/genre of each work.

Accomplished: Develop and support interpretations of varied works, demonstrating an understanding of the composers' intent by citing the use of elements of music (including form), compositional techniques, and the style/genre and context of each work.

Advanced: Develop, justify and defend interpretations of varied works, demonstrating an understanding of the composers' intent by citing the use of elements of music (including form), compositional techniques, and the style/genre and context of each work.

9. Apply criteria to evaluate artistic work

Proficient: Describe the effectiveness of the technical and expressive aspects of selected music and performances, demonstrating understanding of fundamentals of music theory.

Accomplished: Explain the effectiveness of the technical and expressive aspects of selected music and performances, demonstrating understanding of music theory as well as compositional techniques and procedures.

Advanced: Evaluate the effectiveness of the technical and expressive aspects of selected music and performances, demonstrating understanding of theoretical concepts and complex compositional techniques and procedures.

Connecting

10. Synthesize and relate knowledge and personal experiences to make art

Proficient: Demonstrate how interests, knowledge, and skills relate to personal choices and intent when creating, performing, and responding to music.

Proficient: Apply criteria to select music for specified purposes, supporting choices by citing connections to interest, purpose, and context.

Accomplished: Demonstrate how interests, knowledge, and skills relate to personal choices and intent when creating, performing, and responding to music.

Accomplished: Apply criteria to plan music for a variety of purposes, justifying choices citing knowledge of the specified purpose and context.

Advanced: Demonstrate how interests, knowledge, and skills relate to personal choices and intent when creating, performing, and responding to music.

Advanced: Use research and personally developed criteria to justify choices made when creating music, citing knowledge of the music, and individual and ensemble purpose and context.

11. Relate artistic ideas and works with societal, cultural, and historical context to deepen understanding

Proficient: Explain how context can inform the expressive intent and meaning of a musical composition.

Proficient: Explain how music is affected by one's knowledge outside the arts

Accomplished: Analyze how context can inform the expressive intent and meaning of a musical composition.

Accomplished: Analyze how music is affected by one's knowledge outside the arts.

Advanced: Justify how context can inform the expressive intent and meaning of a musical composition.

Advanced: Analyze how music and other art forms involve and are affected by one's knowledge outside the arts