

## SPRING GROVE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

## PLANNED COURSE OVERVIEW



Course Title: Essential Music Length of Course: 30 cycles

Grade Level(s): 4 Periods Per Cycle: 1

Units of Credit: N/A Length of Period: 40 minutes

Classification: Required Total Instructional Time: 20 hours

## **Course Description**

Students in fourth grade will develop a deeper understanding of the basic elements of music introduced in previous grades: Dynamics, melody, harmony, rhythm, instruments, tempo, meter, and timbre. They will be able to sing using proper technique and perform more advanced rhythms in duple and triple meter. They will continue to learn to differentiate between loud and quiet dynamics, study forms such as echo songs, call-and-response, verse and refrain, AB form, rounds, partner songs, and phrases, and aurally identify pitch syllables do, re, mi, fa, so, la, and ti as well as read and perform do, re, mi, so, and la on a 3-line and 5-line staff. The students will be able to determine the meter of a song and continue duple and triple rhythm reading and writing (duple—quarter, eighth, sixteenth and half notes and rests; triple—dotted quarter, eighth, and quarter/eighth notes). The students will also review the different instrument families (Strings, Woodwinds, Brass, and Percussion) and continue identifying important pieces of Classical repertoire. In addition, students will learn to connect music to themselves, their community, history, and the world around them. These concepts will be reinforced through the use of singing games, classroom instruments, body percussion, movement activities, writing and discussion activities, and performance preparation.

Instructional Strategies, Learning Practices, Activities, and Experiences		
Modeling Guided Practice Movement Activities (form, steady beat and meter recognition, dancing, music games, partner clapping patterns)	Chants and Songs Part Performance (ostinatos, echo/call and response, rounds, harmony, partner songs) Rhythmic and Melodic Echoing Pitch Exploration	Rhythmic and Melodic Process (echo, decode, read, write, create) Connection Activities Pitched and Unpitched Instruments
Assessments		
Teacher Observation	Solo Singing/Performance (rubric)	Rhythmic and Melodic Reading and Writing (rubric)
Materials/Resources		
Teacher's Song File Folk Music Textbooks	Pitched and Unpitched Instruments Little Kids Rock Resources	Related CDs and Music Files Quaver Digital Music Platform

**Adopted: 3/16/88** 

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CONTENT/KEY CONCEPTS	OBJECTIVES/STANDARDS
I. Vocal Technique/Performance I. Singing (head) II. Breath III. Posture IV. Dynamics V. Part-singing VI. Performance (preparation and execution)	<ol> <li>Vocal Technique/Performance         <ol> <li>Objectives</li> <li>The student will show a head voice in singing.</li> <li>The student will match pitch in echo singing.</li> <li>The student will synthesize models and practice in order to create a proper singing voice.</li> <li>The student will maintain a sense of tonality in singing when alone and with others.</li> <li>The student will sing with proper technique – including timed breathing.</li> <li>The student will differentiate between and perform a variety of dynamics.</li> <li>The student will be able to part-sing while maintaining correct singing techniques and a sense of tonality.</li> </ol> </li> <li>Standards         <ol> <li>9.1.5.A Know and use the elements and principles of each art form to create works in the arts and humanities.</li> <li>9.1.5.B Recognize, know, use, and demonstrate a variety of appropriate arts elements and principles to produce, review, and revise original works in the arts.</li> <li>9.1.5.C Recognize and use fundamental vocabulary within each of the art forms.</li> <li>9.1.5.D Describe and use knowledge of a specific style within each art form through a performance or exhibition of a unique work.</li> <li>9.1.5.E Know and demonstrate how arts can communicate experiences, stories, or emotions through the production of works in the arts.</li> <li>9.1.5.F Describe works of others through performance or exhibition in two art forms.</li> <li>9.1.5 G Identify the function and benefits of rehearsal and practice sessions.</li> </ol> </li> </ol>

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II.	Melody I. Direction (including high, middle, low) II. Read i. Do, Re, Mi, So, La ii. 3-line Staff and 5-line staff	<ul> <li>II. Melody <ul> <li>a. Objectives</li> <li>i. The student will analyze a melodic unit and determine and demonstrate its direction.</li> <li>ii. The student will echo various melodic patterns demonstrating a singing voice, correct pitches, and (when applicable) correct solfege.</li> <li>iii. The student will be able to reproduce a given melodic phrase demonstrating a singing voice and correct pitches.</li> <li>iv. The student will be able to identify, read (on a 3-line staff), perform and improvise/create do, re, mi, so, la patterns.</li> </ul> </li> <li>b. Standards <ul> <li>i. 9.1.5.A Know and use the elements and principles of each art form to create works in the arts and humanities.</li> <li>ii. 9.1.5.B Recognize, know, use, and demonstrate a variety of appropriate arts elements and principles to produce, review, and revise original works in the arts.</li> <li>iii. 9.1.5.C Know and use fundamental vocabulary within each of the arts forms.</li> <li>iv. 9.3.5.B Describe works in the arts comparing similar and contrasting characteristics.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
III.	Rhythm and Meter I. Steady Beat II. Rhythm (Duple – quarter, eighth, sixteenth and half notes and rests;     Triple—dotted quarter, quarter, and eighth notes)     i. Echo     ii. Decode     iii. Read     iv. Write     v. Create III. Perform IV. Meter     i. Duple     ii. Triple	<ul> <li>III. Rhythm and Meter <ul> <li>a. Objectives</li> <li>i. The student will be able to echo and decode duple rhythm patterns demonstrating correct rhythm and syllables.</li> <li>iii. The student will be able to synthesize previously practiced and learned rhythms in order to read, write, create, and perform rhythms.</li> <li>iv. The student will be able to demonstrate duple and triple meter through movement and analyze the meter of a song or chant.</li> <li>v. The student will be able to perform various complex rhythms – vocal, body percussion, and instruments.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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III.	Rhythm and Meter (continued)	<ul> <li>b. Standards</li> <li>i. 9.1.5.A Know and use the elements and principles of each art form to create works in the arts and humanities.</li> <li>ii. 9.1.5.B Recognize, know, use, and demonstrate a variety of appropriate arts elements and principles to produce, review, and revise original works in the arts.</li> <li>iii. 9.1.5.C Know and use fundamental vocabulary within each of the arts forms.</li> <li>iv. 9.3.5.B Describe works in the arts comparing similar and contrasting characteristics.</li> </ul>
IV.	Tempo	<ul> <li>IV. Tempo <ul> <li>a. Objectives</li> <li>i. The student will be able to differentiate between and perform a variety of tempos while keeping a steady beat, singing, echoing rhythms, and moving.</li> </ul> </li> <li>b. Standards <ul> <li>i. 9.1.5.A Know and use the elements and principles of each art form to create works in the arts and humanities.</li> <li>ii. 9.1.5.B Recognize, know, use, and demonstrate a variety of appropriate arts elements and principles to produce, review, and revise original works in the arts.</li> <li>iii. 9.1.5.C Know and use fundamental vocabulary within each of the arts forms.</li> <li>iv. 9.3.5.B Describe works in the arts comparing similar and contrasting characteristics.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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V. Form I. Phrases (including in rounds) II. AB form (and other forms that use A and B sections) III. Echo IV. Call-and-Response V. Verse and Refrain VI. Partner Songs	<ul> <li>V. Form <ul> <li>a. Objectives</li> <li>i. The student will be able to analyze and show form through identifying movements and descriptions.</li> <li>ii. The student will be able to identify the form of AB, (and other forms that use A and B sections), echo, call-and-response, and verse-refrain songs that they are performing.</li> </ul> </li> <li>b. Standards <ul> <li>i. 9.1.5.A Know and use the elements and principles of each art form to create works in the arts and humanities.</li> <li>ii. 9.1.5.B Recognize, know, use, and demonstrate a variety of appropriate arts elements and principles to produce, review, and revise original works in the arts.</li> <li>iii. 9.1.5.C Know and use fundamental vocabulary within each of the arts forms.</li> <li>iv. 9.1.5.D Describe and use knowledge of a specific style within each art form through a performance or exhibition of a unique work.</li> <li>v. 9.2.5.L Identify, explain, and analyze common themes, forms and techniques from works in the arts.</li> <li>vi. 9.3.5.B Describe works in the arts comparing similar and contrasting characteristics.</li> <li>vii. 9.3.5.F Know how to recognize the process of criticism in identifying and analyzing characteristics among works in the arts.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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VI. Movement I. Form II. Beat III. Rhythms IV. Dances	<ul> <li>VI. Movement <ul> <li>a. Objectives</li> <li>i. The student will be able to show Laban movement.</li> <li>iii. The student will be able to analyze and show form through identifying movements.</li> <li>iiii. The student will be able to infer and demonstrate a steady beat while demonstrating duple and triple meters.</li> <li>iv. The student will be able to synthesize rhythms and movement in order to perform rhythms using body percussion or classroom percussion instruments.</li> <li>v. The student will be able to perform beginning folk dances and song games.</li> </ul> </li> <li>b. Standards <ul> <li>i. 9.1.5.A Know and use the elements and principles of each art form to create works in the arts and humanities.</li> <li>ii. 9.1.5.B Recognize, know, use, and demonstrate a variety of appropriate arts elements and principles to produce, review, and revise original works in the arts.</li> <li>iii. 9.1.5.C Know and use fundamental vocabulary within each of the arts forms.</li> <li>iv. 9.1.5.E Know and demonstrate how arts can communicate experiences, stories or emotions through the production of works in the arts.</li> <li>v. 9.2.5.K Identify, explain, and analyze traditions as they relate to works in the arts.</li> <li>vi. 9.3.5.B Describe works in the arts comparing similar and contrasting characteristics.</li> <li>vii. 9.3.5.F Know how to recognize the process of criticism in identifying and analyzing characteristics among works in the arts.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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VII. Instrument Families I. Strings II. Woodwinds III. Brass IV. Percussion	<ul> <li>VII. Instrument Families <ul> <li>a. Objectives</li> <li>i. The student will be able to identify basic instrument families and connect an instrument to its sound/timbre.</li> </ul> </li> <li>b. Standards <ul> <li>ii. 9.1.5.B Recognize, know, use, and demonstrate a variety of appropriate arts elements and principles to produce, review, and revise original works in the arts.</li> <li>iii. 9.1.5.C Know and use fundamental vocabulary within each of the arts forms.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
VIII. Music Recognition  I. Feelings/Emotions/Moods  II. Connect  i. Self  ii. Community  iii. World  iv. History  v. Geography	<ul> <li>VIII. Music Recognition <ul> <li>a. Objectives</li> <li>i. The student will be able to recognize important pieces of Classical music and connect that music to basic feelings and moods.</li> <li>ii. The student will be able to connect various pieces of standard and newer repertoire to themselves, their community, the world, and history/geography.</li> </ul> </li> <li>b. Standards <ul> <li>i. 9.1.5.D Describe and use knowledge of specific styles within each art form through a performance or exhibition of a unique work.</li> <li>ii. 9.1.5.E Know and demonstrate how arts can communicate experiences, stories, or emotions through the production of works in the arts.</li> <li>iii. 9.2.5.A Explain the historical, cultural, and social context of a individual work in the arts.</li> <li>iv. 9.2.5.B Relate works in the arts chronologically to historical events.</li> <li>v. 9.2.5.C Relate works in the arts to varying styles and genre and to the periods in which they were created.</li> <li>vi. 9.2.5.D Analyze a work of art from its historical and cultural perspective.</li> <li>vii. 9.2.5.E Analyze how historical events and culture impact forms, techniques, and purposes of works in the arts.</li> <li>viii. 9.2.5.F Know and apply appropriate vocabulary used between social studies and the arts and humanities.</li> <li>ix. 9.2.5.I Identify, explain, and analyze philosophical beliefs as they relate to works in the arts.</li> <li>xi. 9.2.5.J Identify, explain, and analyze historical and cultural differences as they relate to works in the arts.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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VIII. Music Recognition (continued)	<ul> <li>xii.</li> <li>9.2.3.K Identify, explain, and analyze traditions as they relate to works in the arts.</li> <li>xiii.</li> <li>9.3.5.B Describe works in the arts comparing similar and contrasting characteristics.</li> <li>xv.</li> <li>9.3.5.D Compare similar and contrasting important aspects of works in the arts and humanities based on a set of guidelines using a comprehensive vocabulary of critical response.</li> <li>xvi.</li> <li>9.3.5.F Know how to recognize the process of criticism in identifying and analyzing characteristics among works in the arts.</li> <li>xviii.</li> <li>9.3.5.G Describe a critic's position or opinion about selected works in the arts and humanities.</li> <li>xviiii.</li> <li>9.4.5.A Identify uses of expressive symbols that show philosophical meanings in the works in the arts and humanities.</li> <li>xix.</li> <li>9.4.5.B Investigate and communicate multiple philosophical views about works in the arts.</li> <li>xx.</li> <li>9.4.5.C Identify the attributes of various audiences' environments as they influence individual aesthetic response.</li> <li>xxi.</li> <li>9.4.5.D Explain choices made regarding media, technique, form, subject matter, and themes th communicate the artist's philosophy within a work in the arts and humanities.</li> </ul>