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Excellence through Equity, Engagement, and Environment



## Washington Township School District

<b>Course Title:</b>	<b>A Cappella Choir</b>					
<b>Grade Level(s):</b>	<b>9-12</b>					
<b>Duration:</b>	<i>Full Year:</i>		<i>Semester:</i>	<b>X</b>	<i>Marking Period:</i>	
<b>Course Description:</b>	A Cappella Choir is an after-school, 2.5 credit elective music course designed for the advanced high school choral student. Multiple sections of this course may run depending on student interest. Students are selected for this course through an audition demonstrating advanced vocal/movement abilities. Students will learn to create, perform, respond, and connect through the study and performance of contemporary a cappella music. Major topics include vocal technique, ensemble technique, music literacy, musicianship, contemporary styles, the arranging process, critical listening, aesthetic response, and connections to society and culture. This course meets once a week after school, with additional rehearsals scheduled before performances. Required responsibilities include scheduled performances, weekly rehearsal achievement, and independent learning of chosen repertoire. Assessments in this course include weekly rehearsal achievement, vocal benchmarks, performances, and independent activities.					
<b>Grading Procedures:</b>	<b>Major Assessments (50%)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Performances</li><li>• Weekly Rehearsal Achievement</li><li>• Written/Vocal Tests</li></ul> <b>Minor Assessments (35%)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Repertoire Benchmarks</li><li>• Written/Vocal Quizzes</li></ul> <b>Supportive Assessments (15%)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• In-class and Independent Activities</li></ul>					
<b>Primary Resources:</b>	Director selected materials					

### Washington Township Principles for Effective Teaching and Learning

- Implementing a standards-based curriculum
- Facilitating a learner-centered environment
- Using academic target language and providing comprehensible instruction
- Adapting and using age-appropriate authentic materials
- Providing performance-based assessment experiences
- Infusing 21<sup>st</sup> century skills for College and Career Readiness in a global society

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<b>Unit Title:</b> Creating	
<b>Unit Description:</b> Conceiving and developing new artistic ideas and work. The aspects of these learning activities may also apply to other units of this curriculum.	
<b>Unit Duration:</b> Ongoing	
<b>Desired Results</b>	
<b>Anchor Standard 1: Generating and conceptualizing ideas.</b> <b>Anchor Standard 2: Organizing and developing ideas.</b> <b>Anchor Standard 3: Refining and completing products.</b>	
<b>Indicators:</b>  <u><b>Imagine</b></u> <b>1.3C.12adv.Cr1a</b> - Compose and improvise musical ideas for a variety of purposes and contexts.  <u><b>Plan, Make</b></u> <b>1.3C.12adv.Cr2a</b> - Select and develop composed and improvised ideas into draft musical works organized for a variety of purposes and contexts.  <u><b>Evaluate, Refine</b></u> <b>1.3C.12adv.Cr3a</b> - Evaluate and refine varied draft musical works based on appropriate criteria, including the extent to which they address identified purposes and contexts. <b>1.3C.12adv.Cr3b</b> - Share varied, personally developed musical works (individually or as an ensemble) that address identified purposes and contexts.	
<b>Understandings:</b> <i>Students will understand that...</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The creative ideas, concepts, and feelings that influence musicians' work emerge from a variety of sources.</li> <li>2. Musician's creative choices are influenced by their expertise, context, and expressive items.</li> <li>3. Musicians evaluate, and refine their work through openness to new ideas, persistence, and the application of appropriate criteria.</li> <li>4. SEL Enduring Understandings: <a href="http://www.selarts.org">www.selarts.org</a></li> </ol>	<b>Essential Questions:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. How do musicians generate creative ideas?</li> <li>2. How do musicians make creative decisions?</li> <li>3. How to musicians improve the quality of their creative work?</li> <li>4. SEL Essential Questions: <a href="http://www.selarts.org">www.selarts.org</a></li> </ol>
<b>Assessment Evidence</b>	
<b>Performance Tasks:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discern arranger's intent</li> <li>• Analyze the manipulation of elements in a given work that contribute to its unique characteristics</li> <li>• Improvise a simple melody over a given accompaniment</li> <li>• Identify and explain the rationale behind concert repertoire programming and performance</li> </ul>	<b>Other Evidence:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Teacher observation</li> <li>• Student Reflection/Self-Assessment</li> </ul>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Evaluate concert program effectiveness and repertoire appropriateness based on chosen selections</li> <li>• Perform note/rest symbols with accuracy</li> <li>• Perform dotted and triplet rhythms with accuracy</li> <li>• Analyze and count complex rhythms</li> <li>• Identify pitches on various clefs</li> <li>• Interpret key signatures and apply accidentals</li> <li>• Read &amp; perform major, minor, &amp; chromatic scales</li> <li>• Perform music using solfege syllables</li> <li>• Perform diatonic and chromatic intervals</li> <li>• Recognize chord construction and quality</li> <li>• Perform in a given time signature</li> <li>• Interpret various tempo markings via text or symbols</li> <li>• Perform with dynamics</li> <li>• Apply articulation and phrase markings to a performance</li> <li>• Analyze a printed score to discern organization and form</li> </ul>	
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#### **Benchmarks:**

- Written/Online Assessments
- Vocal Assessments
- Performances
- Performance Critiques

### **Learning Plan**

#### **Learning Activities:**

***Weekly rehearsal and independent activities include the study and practice of the following concepts/knowledge:***

- **Composition/Arranging**
  - Inspiration, purpose
  - A cappella style, voicing, tendencies
  - Manipulation of elements
- **Improvisation**
  - Style, genre considerations
  - Key, scales, rhythmic considerations
- **Performance Preparations**
  - Choosing repertoire
  - Creating a concert program
  - Technical considerations
  - Copyright issues

- **Rhythmic Notation**
  - Note/rest values: whole, half, quarter, eighth, sixteenth
  - Dotted/triplet patterns
  - Syncopation
  - Counting systems
- **Pitch Notation/Solfege**
  - Staff, treble clef, bass clef, grand staff
  - Ledger lines
  - Stem rules
  - Accidentals (sharp, flat, natural)
  - Key signatures
  - Major and Minor scales (natural, harmonic, melodic)
  - Chromatic Scales
  - Solfege syllables/hand signals
- **Harmony**
  - Melodic and Harmonic Intervals
  - Chords – major, minor, 7<sup>th</sup>, et al.
  - Interval relationships
  - Tonic, Dominant, Subdominant
- **Meter/Time Signature/Tempo**
  - Simple, compound: 2/4, 3/4, 4/4, 6/8, 9/8, 12/8, etc.
  - Identifying changes
  - Tempo markings (BPM)
  - Ritard, accelerando
- **Dynamics/Articulation**
  - Dynamic markings
  - Crescendo, decrescendo
  - Legato, staccato, marcato, tenuto, accent
  - Tie, slur, phrase markings
  - Fermata, caesura
- **Score Arrangement/Form**
  - Voicing, divisi
  - Repeats, DS & DC al coda
  - Pop Terminology: Intro, Verse, Chorus, Bridge, Outro

#### **Resources:**

- Student & Director selected repertoire (SATB+, SSAA+, divisi)
- Vocal exercises and warm-ups
- Online activities and assessments (Schoology, Flipgrid)
- Sight Singing and Theory software (MusicFirst, SightReadingFactory, Musictheory.net)
- Audio and video recordings (YouTube, iTunes)

**Unit Learning Goal and Scale**  
(Level 2.0 reflects a minimal level of proficiency)

**Anchor Standard 1: Generating and Conceptualizing Ideas**

<b>4.0</b>	Students will be able to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Compose and improvise musical ideas for a variety of purposes and contexts.</li> </ul>
<b>3.0</b>	Students will be able to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Compose and improvise ideas for arrangements, sections, and short compositions for specific purposes that reflect characteristic(s) of music from a variety of historical periods or cultures studied in rehearsal.</li> </ul>
<b>2.0</b>	Students will be able to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Compose and improvise ideas for melodies, rhythmic passages, and arrangements for specific purposes that reflect characteristic(s) of music from a variety of historical periods or cultures studied in rehearsal.</li> </ul>
<b>1.0</b>	With help, partial success at level 2.0 content and level 3.0 content.
<b>0.0</b>	Even with help, no success

**Anchor Standard 2: Organizing and developing ideas.**

<b>4.0</b>	Students will be able to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Select and develop composed and improvised ideas into draft musical works organized for a variety of purposes and contexts.</li> </ul>
<b>3.0</b>	Students will be able to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Select and develop arrangements, sections, and short compositions for specific purposes that demonstrate understanding of characteristic(s) of music from a variety of cultures studied in rehearsal.</li> </ul>
<b>2.0</b>	Students will be able to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Select and develop draft melodies, rhythmic passages, and arrangements for specific purposes that demonstrate understanding of characteristic(s) of music from a variety of historical periods studied in rehearsal.</li> </ul>
<b>1.0</b>	With help, partial success at level 2.0 content and level 3.0 content.
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**Anchor Standard 3: Refining and completing products.**

<b>4.0</b>	Students will be able to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Evaluate, refine, and share varied draft musical works based on appropriate criteria, including the extent to which they address identified purposes and contexts.</li> <li>• Share varied, personally developed musical works (individually or as an ensemble) that address identified purposes and contexts.</li> </ul>
<b>3.0</b>	Students will be able to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Evaluate, refine, and share draft arrangements, sections, short compositions, and improvisations based on personally developed criteria, including the extent to which they address identified purposes.</li> <li>• Share personally developed melodies, rhythmic passages, and arrangements (individually or as an ensemble) that address identified purposes.</li> </ul>

<b>2.0</b>	<b>Students will be able to:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Evaluate, refine, and share draft melodies, rhythmic passages, arrangements, and improvisations based on established criteria, including the extent to which they address identified purposes.</li> <li>• Share personally developed melodies, rhythmic passages, and arrangements (individually or as an ensemble) that address identified purposes.</li> </ul>
<b>1.0</b>	<b>With help, partial success at level 2.0 content and level 3.0 content.</b>
<b>0.0</b>	<b>Even with help, no success</b>

<b>Unit Modifications for Special Population Students</b>	
<b>Advanced Learners</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Leadership opportunities (officers, section leaders)</li> <li>• Honors ensembles (South Jersey, All State)</li> <li>• Lead sectionals and full ensemble rehearsals</li> </ul>
<b>Struggling Learners</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Modify the pace of teacher demonstration</li> <li>• Utilize peer assistance</li> <li>• Provide additional resources</li> <li>• Modify assessments as necessary</li> <li>• Modify assignments and online activities</li> <li>• Offer individual practice and assistance sessions at teacher discretion</li> </ul>
<b>English Language Learners</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Modify the pace of teacher demonstration</li> <li>• Utilize peer assistance</li> <li>• Provide additional translation resources</li> <li>• Modify assessments as necessary</li> <li>• Modify assignments and online activities</li> <li>• Offer individual practice and assistance sessions at teacher discretion</li> </ul>
<b>Learners with an IEP</b>	<p>Each special education student has in Individualized Educational Plan (IEP) that details the specific accommodations, modifications, services, and support needed to level the playing field. This will enable that student to access the curriculum to the greatest extent possible in the least restrictive environment. These include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Variation of time: adapting the time allotted for learning, task completion, or testing</li> <li>• Variation of input: adapting the way instruction is delivered</li> <li>• Variation of output: adapting how a student can respond to instruction</li> <li>• Variation of size: adapting the number of items the student is expected to complete</li> <li>• Modifying the content, process or product</li> </ul> <p>Additional resources are outlined to facilitate appropriate behavior and increase student engagement. The most frequently used modifications and accommodations can be viewed <a href="#">here</a>. Teachers are encouraged to use the Understanding by Design Learning Guidelines (UDL). These guidelines offer a set of concrete suggestions that can be applied to any discipline to ensure that all learners can access and participate in learning opportunities. The framework can be viewed here <a href="http://www.udlguidelines.cast.org">www.udlguidelines.cast.org</a></p>
<b>Learners with a 504</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Refer to page four in the <a href="#">Parent and Educator Resource Guide to Section 504</a> to assist in the development of appropriate plans.</li> </ul>

## Interdisciplinary Connections

Instruction in the arts helps students with the development of motor skills, language skills, social skills, decision-making, risk-taking, and inventiveness. Working in the arts helps learners to develop creative problem-solving skills and teaching through the arts can present difficult concepts visually and creatively, making them easier to understand. Arts experiences boost critical thinking, teaching students to take the time to be more careful and thorough in how they observe the world as instruction in the arts connects students with their own culture as well as with the wider world. Integrating art with other disciplines provides challenges for learners at all levels and can reach students who might not otherwise be engaged in other subject areas. Instruction in the arts provides students with the skills to be life-long learners.

## Integration of 21<sup>st</sup> Century Skills

### **The Arts as Communication**

Artistically literate citizens use a variety of artistic media, symbols, and metaphors to independently create and perform work that expresses and communicates their own ideas and can respond by analyzing and interpreting the artistic communications of others.

### **The Arts as Creative Personal Realization**

Artistically literate citizens find at least one arts discipline in which they develop sufficient competence to continue active involvement in creating, performing/presenting/producing, responding and connecting to as an adult.

### **The Arts as Culture, History, and Connectors**

Artistically literate citizens know and understand artwork from varied historical periods and cultures, and actively seek and appreciate diverse forms and genres of artwork of enduring quality/significance. They also seek to understand relationships among the arts, and cultivate habits of searching for and identifying patterns, relationships between the arts and other knowledge

### **The Arts as a Means to Well-Being**

Artistically literate citizens find joy, inspiration, peace, intellectual stimulation, meaning, and other life-enhancing qualities through participation in the arts.

### **The Arts as Community Engagement**

Artistically literate citizens seek artistic experience and support the arts in their local, state, national, and global communities.

<b>Unit Title:</b> Performing	
<b>Unit Description:</b> Realizing artistic ideas and work through interpretation and presentation. The aspects of these learning activities may also apply to other units of this curriculum.	
<b>Unit Duration:</b> Ongoing	
<b>Desired Results</b>	
<b>Anchor Standard 4: Selecting, analyzing, and interpreting work.</b> <b>Anchor Standard 5: Developing and refining techniques and models or steps needed to create products.</b> <b>Anchor Standard 6: Conveying meaning through art.</b>	
<b>Indicators:</b>  <u><b>Select, Analyze, Interpret</b></u> <b>1.3C.12adv.Pr4a</b> - Develop and apply criteria to select varied programs to study and perform based on an understanding of theoretical and structural characteristics and expressive challenges in the music, the technical skill of the individual or ensemble, and the purpose and context of the performance. <b>1.3C.12adv.Pr4b</b> - Examine, evaluate, and critique, using music reading skills (where appropriate), how the structure and context impact and inform prepared and improvised performances. <b>1.3C.12adv.Pr4c</b> - Demonstrate how understanding the style, genre, and context of a varied repertoire of music informs prepared and improvised performances as well as performers' technical skills to connect with the audience.  <u><b>Rehearse, Evaluate, Refine</b></u> <b>1.3C.12adv.Pr5a</b> - Develop, apply, and refine appropriate rehearsal strategies to address individual and ensemble challenges in a varied repertoire of music.  <u><b>Present</b></u> <b>1.3C.12adv.Pr6a</b> - Demonstrate an understanding and mastery of the technical demands and expressive qualities of the music through prepared and improvised performances of a varied repertoire representing diverse cultures, styles, genres, and historical periods in multiple types of ensembles. <b>1.3C.12adv.Pr6b</b> - Demonstrate an ability to connect, engage, and respond to audiences through prepared and improvised performances.	
<b>Understandings:</b> <i>Students will understand that...</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Performers' interest in and knowledge of musical works, understanding of their own technical skill, and the context for a performance influence the selection of repertoire.</li> <li>2. Developing and refining techniques and models or steps needed to create products.</li> <li>3. Musicians judged performances based on criteria that vary across time, place, and cultures. The context and how a work is presented influence the audience response.</li> <li>4. SEL Enduring Understandings: <a href="http://www.selarts.org">www.selarts.org</a></li> </ol>	<b>Essential Questions:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. How do performers select repertoire?</li> <li>2. How do musicians improve the quality of their performance?</li> <li>3. When is a performance judged ready to present? How do context and the manner in which musical work is presented influence audience response?</li> <li>4. SEL Essential Questions: <a href="http://www.selarts.org">www.selarts.org</a></li> </ol>



## Assessment Evidence

### Performance Tasks:

- Stand/Move with healthy posture
- Take a proper breath for singing
- Use diaphragmatic support
- Produce a free and relaxed tone
- Use chest, mix, and head registers appropriately
- Manipulate resonance areas to adjust timbre
- Shape vowels correctly
- Produce clear, crisp consonants
- Utilize healthy contemporary pop technique
- Perform basic vocal percussion sounds
- Warm up properly
- Practice at home efficiently
- Maintain a healthy singing voice
- Recognize different voicing and standing arrangements for a cappella ensembles
- Adjust individual and section dynamics
- Recognize and solve ensemble balance issues
- Adjust resonance to unify tone quality
- Control and/or eliminate vibrato appropriately
- Produce uniform vowel shapes
- Adjust individual pitch to account for intonation issues
- Unify attacks and releases with active watching/listening
- Make necessary adjustments to diction as per demands of repertoire
- Communicate as an ensemble without a conductor
- Perform with expressive dynamics and phrasing
- Perform with emotional sensitivity
- Use facial expression, body language, and choreography to create an emotional performance
- Perform with proper microphone technique
- Collaborate with sound engineers during technical rehearsals
- Understand basic operations of a sound system
- Gain technical proficiency and fluency through effective home practice
- Perform exercises and repertoire using "Movable Do" Solfege
- Identify key signatures by sight and intervals by ear during performance

### Other Evidence:

- Teacher observation
- Student Reflection/Self-Assessment

- Recognize melodic and rhythmic patterns by ear
- Recognize major and minor chords by ear
- Audiate (i.e. “think in music”)

#### **Benchmarks:**

- Written/Online Assessments
- Vocal Assessments
- Performances
- Performance Critiques

### **Learning Plan**

#### **Learning Activities:**

***Weekly rehearsal and independent activities include the study and practice of the following concepts/knowledge:***

#### **Individual Vocal Technique**

- Vocal Anatomy: trachea, lungs, diaphragm, vocal folds, larynx, epiglottis, esophagus, soft palette, nasal cavity
- Posture checklist
- Breathing techniques
- Inhalation, exhalation, breath support
- Vocal registers: chest, mix, head, falsetto
- Vocal resonance
- Timbre & tone quality
- Articulators: lips, tongue, teeth
- 5 pure vowels: AH, EH, EE, OH, OO
- Vowel mixing & blending
- Diction
- Contemporary Pop vocal technique (syllables/vowels vs text)
- Vocal Percussion techniques
- Vocal health issues
- Warm-up procedures
- Methods of home practice

#### **Ensemble Vocal Technique**

- **Balance**
  - Voicing (SATB, SSAA, etc.)
  - Standing arrangements
  - Dynamic control
  - Lead vs. supporting musical themes
- **Blend**
  - Tone quality control
  - Vibrato control
  - Characteristic sound
  - Vowel shaping
- **Intonation/Tuning**
  - Flat/Sharp
  - Use of pitch pipe/tuning apps
  - Recognition and adjustment of pitch problems
  - Vocal technique impact on balance/blend

- **Attacks and Releases**
  - Synchronization
  - Consistency
  - Diction
- **Small Ensemble Technique**
  - Performer responsibilities: watching, listening, adjusting
  - Technique adjustments

### **Performance Technique**

- **Sound Equipment**
  - Microphone technique (hand position, dynamic control, solo vs ensemble)
  - Basic microphone, mixer, monitor, speaker operations
  - Effective collaboration with sound engineers
- **Movement and Choreography**
  - Vocal technique during movement
  - Effective body control/breath support
  - Use of movement to enhance rhythmic precision
  - Use of movement to enhance showmanship and audience connection

### **Musicianship**

- **Expression**
  - Use of dynamics and phrasing
  - Emotional connection, sensitivity
  - Facial expression, movement
  - Interpretation of musical elements
- **Fluency**
  - Proper vocal and style technique
  - Command of text
  - Command of individual vocal part
- **Sight Singing**
  - Key identification
  - Solfege interpretation
  - Interval recognition
- **Ear Training**
  - Melodic/Rhythmic intervals
  - Chord qualities (major, minor)
  - Audiation

### **Resources:**

- Student & Director selected repertoire (SATB+, SSAA+, divisi)
- Vocal exercises and warm-ups
- Online activities and assessments (Schoology, Flipgrid)
- Sight Singing and Theory software (MusicFirst, SightReadingFactory, Musictheory.net)
- Audio and video recordings (YouTube, iTunes)

**Unit Learning Goal and Scale**  
(Level 2.0 reflects a minimal level of proficiency)

**Anchor Standard 4: Selecting, analyzing, and interpreting work.**

<b>4.0</b>	<p><b>Students will be able to:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop and apply criteria to select varied programs to study and perform based on an understanding of theoretical and structural characteristics and expressive challenges in the music, the technical skill of the individual or ensemble, and the purpose and context of the performance.</li> <li>• Examine, evaluate, and critique, using music reading skills (where appropriate), how the structure and context impact and inform prepared and improvised performances.</li> <li>• Demonstrate how understanding the style, genre, and context of a varied repertoire of music informs prepared and improvised performances as well as performers' technical skills to connect with the audience.</li> </ul>
<b>3.0</b>	<p><b>Students will be able to:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop and apply criteria to select a varied repertoire to study and perform based on an understanding of theoretical and structural characteristics and expressive challenges in the music, the technical skill of the individual or ensemble, and the purpose and context of the performance.</li> <li>• Document and demonstrate, using music reading skills (where appropriate), how compositional devices employed, and theoretical and structural aspects of musical works may impact and inform prepared and improvised performances.</li> <li>• Demonstrate how understanding the style, genre, and context of a varied repertoire of music influences prepared and improvised performances as well as performers' technical skills to connect with the audience.</li> </ul>
<b>2.0</b>	<p><b>Students will be able to:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Explain the criteria used to select varied repertoire to study based on an understanding of theoretical and structural characteristics of the music, the technical skill of the individual or ensemble, and the purpose or context of the performance.</li> <li>• Demonstrate, using music reading skills (where appropriate), how compositional devices employed and theoretical and structural aspects of musical works impact and inform prepared or improvised performances.</li> <li>• Demonstrate an understanding of context in a varied repertoire of music through prepared and improvised performances.</li> </ul>
<b>1.0</b>	<b>With help, partial success at level 2.0 content and level 3.0 content.</b>
<b>0.0</b>	<b>Even with help, no success</b>

**Anchor Standard 5: Developing and refining techniques and models or steps needed to create products.**

<b>4.0</b>	<p><b>Students will be able to:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop, apply, and refine appropriate rehearsal strategies to address individual and ensemble challenges in a varied repertoire of music.</li> </ul>
<b>3.0</b>	<p><b>Students will be able to:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop and apply appropriate rehearsal strategies to address individual and ensemble challenges in a varied repertoire of music and evaluate their success.</li> </ul>

<b>2.0</b>	<b>Students will be able to:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop strategies to address expressive challenges in a varied repertoire of music, and evaluate their success using feedback from ensemble peers and other sources to refine performances.</li> </ul>
<b>1.0</b>	<b>With help, partial success at level 2.0 content and level 3.0 content.</b>
<b>0.0</b>	<b>Even with help, no success</b>

#### **Anchor Standard 6: Conveying meaning through art.**

<b>4.0</b>	<b>Students will be able to:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Demonstrate an understanding and mastery of the technical demands and expressive qualities of the music through prepared and improvised performances of a varied repertoire representing diverse cultures, styles, genres, and historical periods in multiple types of ensembles.</li> <li>• Demonstrate an ability to connect, engage, and respond to audiences through prepared and improvised performances.</li> </ul>
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Students will be able to:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Demonstrate mastery of the technical demands and an understanding of expressive qualities of the music in prepared and improvised performances of a varied repertoire representing diverse cultures, styles, genres, and historical periods.</li> <li>• Demonstrate an understanding of intent as a means for connecting with an audience through prepared and improvised performances.</li> </ul>
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Students will be able to:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Demonstrate attention to technical accuracy and expressive qualities in prepared and improvised performances of a varied repertoire of music representing diverse cultures, styles, and genres.</li> <li>• Demonstrate an understanding of expressive intent by connecting with an audience through prepared and improvised performances.</li> </ul>
<b>1.0</b>	<b>With help, partial success at level 2.0 content and level 3.0 content.</b>
<b>0.0</b>	<b>Even with help, no success</b>

#### **Unit Modifications for Special Population Students**

<b>Advanced Learners</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Leadership opportunities (officers, section leaders)</li> <li>• Honors ensembles (South Jersey, All State)</li> <li>• Lead sectionals and full ensemble rehearsals</li> </ul>
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<b>Unit Duration:</b> Ongoing	
<b>Desired Results</b>	
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#### **Aesthetic Responses**

- Cultural implications
- Artist intent
- Personal responses

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- Evaluation of musical elements
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- Cultural relevancy

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#### **Anchor Standard 7: Perceiving and analyzing products.**

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### **Desired Results**

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  - Rise of college and high school ensembles
  - Innovations and impact of technology
  - Current Trends: radio, streaming, live concerts, TV/movies
- **Styles**
  - Popular arrangers + arrangement techniques
  - Pop infuses elements of rock, r&b, hip-hop, jazz, folk, electronic, latin, etc
  - Covers vs originals
  - Vocal technique and performance considerations

**Life/Work Skills**

- **Rehearsal and Performance Etiquette**
  - Rehearsal expectations
  - Stage etiquette
  - Audience etiquette

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