COURSE DESCRIPTION

Course Title: Orchestra

Course Number: 00834

Course Prerequisites: Previous musical experience, preferred

Course Description: (Include “no final exam” or “final exam required”)
Orchestra is a course in advanced instrumental music techniques that meets one period each day. The course is open to all students in grades 9-12 who have level appropriate performance skills on an instrument (string, brass, woodwind, or percussion) and have a desire to improve these skills both individually and in an ensemble setting. In smaller programs the 7th and 8th grade students will combine with the senior high school orchestra.

Orchestra will present at least two performances per year. All performances will be scheduled and placed in the school calendar. Concerts are mandatory and will be part of the course grade. Absence from these performances will be allowed at the director’s discretion.

The course places emphasis on personal improvement in instrumental music skills, and a performance schedule that provides opportunities for demonstration of the level of mastery achieved by the students. A final exam is required.

Suggested Grade Level: 9 - 12

Length of Course: One Semester X Two Semesters Other
(Describe)

Units of Credit: 1 (Insert NONE if appropriate.)

PDE Certification and Staffing Policies and Guidelines (CSPG) Required Teacher Certification(s): CSPG 55-Music Education

Certification verified by WCSD Human Resources Department:
X Yes No

Board Approved Textbooks, Software, Materials:
Repertoire to be chosen yearly, as appropriate, from libraries and new purchases.
SPECIAL EDUCATION AND GIFTED REQUIREMENTS

The teacher shall make appropriate modifications to instruction and assessment based on a student’s Individual Education Plan (IEP) or Gifted Individual Education Plan (GIEP).

SPECIFIC EDUCATIONAL STANDARDS, ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS, CONTENT, & SKILLS

See Curriculum Map - Orchestra

ASSESSMENTS

Suggested Formative Assessments: The teacher will develop and use standards-based assessments throughout the course.

- Pre-Assessments of prior knowledge (e.g. entrance cards or KWL chart)
- Bell ringers/Problems of the Day (PODs)
- Discussions
- Teacher observation/Questioning
- Graphic organizers (e.g. Venn diagrams, word mapping, webbing, KWL chart, etc.)
- Summarizing
- Retelling
- Problem-based learning modules
- Authentic assessment
- Oral presentations
- Journaling
- Student presentations/projects
- Open-ended response

Suggested Summative Assessments:

- Essays
- Open-Ended Responses
- Projects
- Quizzes/tests
- Student presentations

District Approved Assessment Instruments

- Any district approved assessment instrument
Portfolio Assessment: ______ Yes  X No

District-wide Final Examination Required: ______ Yes  X No

Course Challenge Assessment (Describe): Not applicable.

WRITING TEAM: Warren County School District Music Teachers

WCSD STUDENT DATA SYSTEM INFORMATION

1. Is there a required final examination?  X Yes  _____ No
2. Does this course issue a mark/grade for the report card?  X Yes  _____ No
3. Does this course issue a Pass/Fail mark?  _____ Yes  X No
4. Is the course mark/grade part of the GPA calculation?  X Yes  _____ No
5. Is the course eligible for Honor Roll calculation?  X Yes  _____ No
6. What is the academic weight of the course?
   _____ No weight/Non credit  X Standard weight
   _____ Enhanced weight (Describe) AP