

**WARREN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT**

PLANNED INSTRUCTION

**COURSE DESCRIPTION**

**Course Title:** Middle Level Orchestra  
**Course Number:** 00833  
**Course Prerequisites:** Previous musical experience preferred

**Course Description:** Middle Level Orchestra is a course in intermediate instrumental music techniques that meets one period each day. The course is open to all students in grades 6-8 who have a level appropriate performance skills on a band instrument and have a desire to improve these skills both individually and in an ensemble setting.

Middle Level Orchestra will present at least two performances per year. All performances will be scheduled and placed on 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 skill, and a performance schedule that provides opportunities for demonstration of the level of mastery achieved by the students. A final exam is not required.

**Suggested Grade Level:** Grades 6-8

**Length of Course:** Two Semesters

**Units of Credit:** 1

**PDE Certification and Staffing Policies and Guidelines (CSPG) Required Teacher Certifications:**

CSPG 55-Music Education

To find the CSPG information, go to [CSPG](#)

**Certification verified by the WCSD Human Resources Department:** Yes No

**WCSD STUDENT DATA SYSTEM INFORMATION**

**Course Level:** Academic

**Mark Types:** Check all that apply.

F – Final Average MP – Marking Period EXM – Final Exam

**GPA Type:**  GPAEL-GPA Elementary  GPAML-GPA for Middle Level  NHS-National Honor Society

UGPA-Non-Weighted Grade Point Average  GPA-Weighted Grade Point Average

**State Course Code:** 05104 Orchestra

To find the State Course Code, go to [State Course Code](#), download the Excel file for SCED, click on SCED 6.0 tab, and chose the correct code that corresponds with the course.

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**TEXTBOOKS AND SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIALS**

**Board Approved Textbooks, Software, and Materials:**

**Title:**

**Publisher:**

**ISBN #:**

**Copyright Date:**

**WCSD Board Approval Date:**

**Supplemental Materials:**

**Curriculum Document**

**WCSD Board Approval:**

**Date Finalized:** January 2015

**Date Approved:** 5/11/2015

**Date(s) Revised:** 8/29/2016

**Implementation Year:** 2015-2016

**SPECIAL EDUCATION, 504, and GIFTED REQUIREMENTS**

The teacher shall make appropriate modifications to instruction and assessment based on a student's Individual Education Plan (IEP), Chapter 15 Section 504 Plan (504), and/or Gifted Individual Education Plan (GIEP).

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**SCOPE AND SEQUENCE OF CONTENT, CONCEPTS, AND SKILLS**

<b>Performance Indicator</b>	<b>PA Core Standard and/or Eligible Content</b>	<b>Month Taught and Assessed for Mastery</b>
Review and Enrichment	9.1.A.2-Elements of Music 9.1.A.6-Principles of Music 9.1.B.2-Music-play an instrument, read/notate music	September
Intonation	9.1.A.2-Elements of Music 9.1.A.6-Principles of Music 9.1.B.2-Music-play an instrument, read/notate music	October
Concert Preparation and Etiquette	9.1.A.2-Elements of Music 9.1.A.6-Principles of Music 9.1.B.2-Music-play an instrument/read/notate music	November
Performance	9.1.A.2-Elements of Music 9.1.A.6-Principles of Music 9.1.B.c-Music-play an instrument, read/notate music 9.1.G-Explain the function of rehearsal	December
Instrumental Technique	9.1.A.2-Elements of Music 9.1.A.6-Principles of Music 9.1.B.2-Music-play an instrument/read/notate music	January
Music Theory	9.1.A.2-Elements of Music 9.1.A.6-Principles of Music 9.1.B.2-Music-play an instrument, read/notate music	February
Expressing Musical Gratitude	9.1.A.2-Elements of Music 9.1.A.6-Principles of Music 9.1.B.2-Music-play an instrument, read/notate music	March

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Performance Preparation	9.1.A.2-Elements of Music 9.1.A.6-Principles of Music 9.1.B.2-Music-play an instrument, read/notate music	April
Final Performance/Reflection	9.1.A.2-Elements of Music 9.1.A.6-Principles of Music 9.1.B.2-Music-play an instrument, read/notate music	May

**ASSESSMENTS**

**PSSA Academic Standards, Assessment Anchors, and Eligible Content:** The teacher must be knowledgeable of the PDE Academic Standards, Assessment Anchors, and Eligible Content and incorporate them regularly into planned instruction.

**Formative Assessments:** The teacher will utilize a variety of assessment methods to conduct in-process evaluations of student learning.

**Effective formative assessments for this course include:** Recording assignments (students submit recordings of their playing for a grade), Teacher observation/Questioning

**Summative Assessments:** The teacher will utilize a variety of assessment methods to evaluate student learning at the end of an instructional task, lesson, and/or unit.

**Effective summative assessments for this course include:** Performances/Concerts, Music Theory Quizzes/Tests