



Mequon-Thiensville School District

Course Scope & Sequence

Course Name: Grade 6-8 Performing Arts	Department: Performing Arts
Grade Level: 6-8	Duration: All year

Course Overview: Band, Choir and Orchestra provide the opportunity for students to study instrumental and/or choral music and performance technique. The literature explored in these performance ensembles exposes students to a variety of forms and styles, as well as providing instruction on the elements of music: melody, harmony, rhythm, tone, form, tempo and dynamics. Students will receive two full ensemble rehearsals and one small-group sectional rehearsal each week. Students may participate in the WSMA Solo and Ensemble Festival each Spring and will present a minimum of three concerts each year.

Primary Resource:

Topics/Units:	Time Frame:
1. Performance Skills: Students will develop the techniques necessary for musical performance.	Ongoing
2. Music Literacy: Students will develop music reading and notation skills.	Ongoing
3. Music History and Culture: Through the study of a variety of repertoire, students will develop an understanding of the historical and cultural heritage of music.	Ongoing
4. Listening Skills and Analysis: Students will develop critical listening skills by analyzing, evaluating, and describing music and music performances.	Ongoing
5. Music Expressions and Aesthetics: Through creating or recreating music, students will communicate the expressive content of musical works.	Ongoing