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Benchmarks	Skills/Concepts	Assessment Activities	Evaluation criteria
Benchmarks Strand 1: 1.1 Strand 1: 2.1 Strand 1: 2.2 Strand 3: 1.1 Strand IV: 1.1	Skills/Concepts On-going: • Singing and playing a variety of music • Using correct vocal and instrumental technique • Understanding music terminology Focus on: Elements (knowledge) Melody, rhythm, dynamics, tone color Reading music (knowledge, skill) Sight reading/note reading/note values Key signature up to two sharps and two flats (C,F,G,Bb,D) Vocabulary CHOIR – Use of Solfege Notating music (knowledge, skill) Notate and read key signatures BAND Transposition between keys – how and when to do it Tone production (skill) Expanding tonal range Correct technique Breath and breathing Articulation CHOIR – Voice placement, support of tone, diction, International Phonetic Alphabet ORCHESTRA – Bowing, and bow placement, positions on stringed instruments, speed and pressure of bow BAND – Maturing embouchure, percussion—stick and mallet techniques, support of tone	 Assessment Activities Benchmarks: 1.1.1 (rhythm, melody only) and 2.1 Learning Goal: The student will sight read standard notation Assessment Activity: Sight read by singing or playing and 8 bar melody, identifying key signature, meter. CHOIR sing solfege, identify do ORCHESTRA & BAND – key signature of no more than 2 sharps or flats Benchmarks: 1.2.2 (BAND/ORCHESTRA) Learning Goal: Pitch matching Assessment Activity: When two concert pitches are played simultaneously, determine if pitches are matched or not and try to match pitch Benchmarks: (CHOIR) Learning Goal: Interval Identification Assessment Activity: Identify at least 10 intervals of the required 13 intervals as the teacher plays the intervals from low to high (starting on C) on the piano, including PU, m2, M2, m3, M3, P4, π, P5, m6, M6, m7, M7, P8. 	 Evaluation criteria Scoring Criteria: Key identification is correct Meter identification is correct Maintains steady beat Rhythm is correct Notes are correct CHOIR ONLY Solfege is correct Scoring Criteria Matched/unmatched pitches are recognized correctly Pitches are matched correctly Scoring Criteria Pitches are matched correctly

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	Pitch matching and interval recognition (skill)	Benchmarks: (CHOIR)	Scoring Criteria:
	Pitch recognition	Learning Goal: International Phonetic Alphabet	Test Scoring Key
	Playing in tune	Assessment Activity: Identify symbols for 13 vowels	
	CHOIR – Recognizing perfect, major and minor intervals	and all consonants of the International Phonetic	
	BAND – Pitch matching and intonation	Alphabet (pronunciation is evaluated during rehearsals)	
	ORCHESTRA – Open 5 th tuning and hearing waves		
	Music listening (knowledge)	Benchmarks: (BAND)	Scoring Criteria:
	Music history	Learning Goal:	1. Beat is steady
	ORCHESTRA – History, composers, aesthetic/style, form	Assessment Activity: Play 6 major scales chromatically up from Bb including: Bb, B, C, Db, D,	2. Key signature is correct
	Respond/Critique	Eb, for one octave maintaining a steady tempo using or	
	Listen to recorded public performances and critique for strengths and weaknesses to improve future performances.	not using music (student choice)	
	(Future: use Garage Band software to record rehearsals and		
	critique to improve performances)	Benchmarks: (ORCHESTRA)	Scoring Criteria:
		Learning Activity:	1. De-tuned string is
		Assessment Activity: Open 5 th Tuning: When the	identified correctly
		teacher has purposely de-tune a string instrument,	2. Instrument is retuned
		identify the string and retune the instrument	correctly