7th GRADE ORCHESTRA

7th grade Orchestra is offered to all students who have completed Fairfield Orchestra Skill Level III. Instruction emphasizes instrumental techniques, ensemble rehearsal and performance techniques, and music reading. All orchestra students will receive a small group homogenous lesson once each week. Lessons will take place during the school day on a rotating pull-out basis with the orchestra director or FPS music teacher specializing in orchestra. Recommended lesson size is no more than 6 students.

Homework for this class includes regular, consistent practice on assigned lesson and ensemble music. Participation in the Winter and Spring evening curricular concerts is expected and integral for successful completion of this class. 7th grade orchestra is a full year class that meets three times per week. Students electing Orchestra/Chorus will rehearse once per week in Chorus, and twice per week with an Orchestra class.

Course Overview

All students in the Fairfield Orchestra Program progress through an Ensemble Sequence and instrument specific Skill Levels.

Fairfield's Orchestra Program Ensemble Sequence

Grade/Course	Instrument Skill Level	Ensemble Sequence Marker
4 th Grade	I	Novice
Orchestra	1	
5 th Grade	П	Novice
Orchestra	11	
6th Grade	Ш	Intermediate
Orchestra	1111	
7 th Grade	IV	Intermediate
Orchestra	IV	
8 th Grade	V	Proficient
Orchestra	V	
Concert Orchestra	VI	Accomplished
Symphonic	VII	Advanced
Orchestra	V 11	
Chamber	*Extension	Advanced+
Orchestra	Course	

Course Goals

Students will have the ability to understand and engage with music in a number of different ways, including the **creative**, **responsive** and **performative** artistic processes. They will have the ability to perform music in a manner that illustrates careful preparation and reflects an understanding and interpretation of the selection. They will be musically literate.

Students will be artistically literate: they will have the knowledge and understanding required to participate authentically in the arts. They will have the ability to transfer arts knowledge, skills, experiences and capacities to other subjects, settings and **connects** to promote and enhance lifelong learning.

Ensemble Goals

 Learn and demonstrate ensemble performing techniques which will include responding to conductor's

Artistic Processes

- Create
- Perform
- Respond
- Connect

Anchor Standards

- Select, analyze, and interpret artistic work for presentation.
- Develop and refine artistic techniques and work for presentation.
- Convey meaning through the presentation of artistic work.
- Perceive and analyze artistic work.
- Interpret intent and meaning in artistic work.
- Apply criteria to evaluate artistic work.

cues, ensemble balance and blend, and Synthesize and relate performance etiquette. knowledge and personal experiences to make art. Apply the principles of teamwork and Relate artistic ideas and cooperation to achieve a common goal works with societal, in the ensemble setting. cultural, and historical context to deepen Successfully participate in authentic III. understanding. concert experiences through public performance in the most professional setting available. IV. Adhere to proper performance etiquette, concert dress, response to audience, and behavior when not engaged in active performance. Small Group Lesson Goals Students will complete Skill Level IV by the end of their 7th grade year. Develop instrument specific techniques in lessons and apply them to large ensemble rehearsals and performances. III. Demonstrate proper care and maintenance of their instrument. IV. Develop independent problem solving strategies through appropriate practice

techniques.

Summary Ensemble Skill Objectives

Used in all Summary Objectives for all students regardless of instrument

Level IV

- Students will enumerate and perform eighth and sixteenth notes and rests, sixteenth/eighth note patterns, dotted eighth-sixteenth, eighth note triplet, and syncopation in simple meter.
- Students will play and read 2/4, 3/4, 4/4 and 2/2 time signature.
- Students will identify intervals of half step and whole step.
- Students will identify enharmonics.
- Students will assimilate the following terms and symbols into their vocabulary and performances: piano, mezzo piano, mezzo forte, forte, crescendo, decrescendo, treble clef, bass clef, alto clef, barline, measure, repeat sign, double bar line, key signature, bow lift, up bow, down bow, tie, slur, staccato, plucking, bowing, hooked bow, double stops, detached pizzicato, common time, sharp, flat, natural, fermata, unison, divisi, fortissimo, diminuendo, accent, ritardando, tempo, a tempo, allgro, andante, moderato, coda, D.C. al fine, D.C. al coda, 1st and 2nd endings, D.S., tone, legato, arco, detache, martele, intonation
- Students can identify and/or perform the following terms and symbols: caesura, pianissimo, adagio, cantabile, interval, maestoso, dolce, arpeggio, spiccato, vibrato, tremolo, balance point, presto, portato

Summary Small Group Lesson Skill Objectives

Students will:

- Master range, tone production, articulation, phrasing, major and chromatic scales in accordance with Fairfield Skill Level III.
- Evaluate their own performances and compare and contrast them to performances of others, both individually and within a small group lesson.

Assessments

Ensemble Assessments

- Ensemble Performances (Winter and Spring Concerts)
- Written Concert Evaluation (Winter and Spring)
- Written End of the Year assessment

Small Group Lesson Assessments

- End of Year Playing assessment
- Skill Level III individual checklist

CREATING

Conceiving and developing new artistic ideas and work.

Enduring Understanding

- Musicians' creative choices are influenced by their expertise, context, and expressive intent.
- Musicians evaluate, and refine their work through openness to new ideas, persistence, and the application of appropriate criteria.

Essential Questions

- How do musicians make creative decisions?
- How do musicians improve the quality of their creative work?

Process Components: Plan and Make, Evaluate and Refine

Repertoire	<u>Tasks</u>	<u>Assessment</u>
Student composed melodic phrase.	 Small Group Lesson Given a four measure melody, students will compose four additional measures to create an eight measure composition. The melody will be in common time, key of G major, ending on G and using a variety of note values. Students will evaluate their composition for proper use of notes and note values, and will refine their work as needed. 	Self Assessment ChecklistPeer Assessment

PERFORMING

Realizing artistic ideas and work through interpretation and presentation.

Enduring Understanding

- To express their musical ideas, musicians analyze, evaluate, and refine their performance over time through openness to new ideas, persistence, and the application of appropriate criteria.
- Musicians judge performance based on criteria that vary across time, place and cultures.

Essential Questions

- How do musicians improve the quality of their performance?
- When is a performance judged ready to present?

Process Components: Analyze, Interpret, Rehearse, Evaluate, Refine, Present

Repertoire

Ensemble

Students will perform grade level appropriate orchestral arrangements representing a variety of genres that include Fairfield's Skill Level IV objectives. Classical and Popular music will be focus genres and cut time signature will be a focus meter. At least one piece in each of the focus areas will be performed during the year.

Small Group Lesson

Students will utilize the grade level appropriate method books currently adopted by FPS music department that include Fairfield's Skill Level IV objectives.

<u>Tasks</u>

Ensemble

Students will:

- Perform D, G, C major as well as A and D minor scales
- Rehearse as a full ensemble and perform orchestra literature demonstrating appropriate tempi, dynamics, balance and blend while following a conductor's non-verbal directions.
- Analyze, interpret, rehearse, evaluate, refine and present pitches, rhythms, dynamics, and articulations
- Evaluate & Refine ensemble intonation.
- Present orchestral literature in grade level concerts that includes but is not limited to Classical and Popular music, and a piece in cut time with characteristic tone and attention to intonation.

<u>Assessment</u>

Ensemble

- Formative assessments on dynamics, balance and blend, major and minor scales, and following the conductor's gestures
- Summative Winter and Spring concert performances

Small Group Lesson

- Formative and summative districtwide playing assessments
- Skill Level IV Checklist

 Small Group Lesson Students will individually perform designated lesson material in accordance with Fairfield Skill Level IV with characteristic tone and attention to intonation. 	

RESPONDING

Understanding and evaluating how the arts convey meaning

Enduring Understanding

• The personal evaluation of musical works and performances is informed by analysis, interpretation, and established criteria based on the elements of music. (PROGRESSIVE BY GRADE LEVEL)

Essential Question

• How do we judge the quality of musical work(s) and performances?

Process Components: Analyze, Interpret, Evaluate

Repertoire

Ensemble

Students will perform grade level appropriate orchestral arrangements representing a variety of genres that include Fairfield's Skill Level IV objectives. Classical and Popular music will be focus genres and cut time signature will be a focus meter.

Small Group Lesson

Students will utilize the grade level appropriate method books currently adopted by FPS music department that include Fairfield's Skill Level IV objectives.

<u>Tasks</u>

Ensemble

- Analyze and discuss targeted instrumental techniques, ensemble skills, and elements of music during rehearsals
 Evaluate, in writing, the quality of their own
- Evaluate, in writing, the quality of their own performances by describing the uses of elements of music and expressive devices
- Demonstrate knowledge of music vocabulary
- Demonstrate knowledge of all components of a time signature, understanding bottom number and its impact on enumeration
- Demonstrates understanding of the dot as it relates to note values and enumeration
- Make informed, critical evaluations of the quality and effectiveness of performance
- Apply evaluation criteria to their personal participation in rehearsals and curricular concerts
- Identify intervals of half step and whole step.

Assessment

Ensemble

- Ensemble improvement on targeted instrumental techniques, ensemble skills and elements of music during rehearsals
- Written evaluation of performances
- Written End of Year Assessment

Small Group Lesson

- Individual improvement on targeted instrumental techniques
- Group discussion of problem solving strategies during at home practice

 Identify and play enharmonics. Small Group Lesson Students will: Make informed, critical evaluations of the quality and effectiveness of their 	
performances Through analysis and evaluation, apply problem solving strategies during home practice	

CONNECTING

Relating artistic ideas and work with personal meaning and external context.

Enduring Understanding

• Understanding connections to varied contexts and daily life enhances musicians' creating, performing and responding.

Essential Question

• How do the other arts, other disciplines, contexts, and daily life inform creating, performing and responding to music?

Process Components: Compare and Contrast, Analyze, Interpret, Evaluate

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In orchestra music appropriate to Fairfield Skill Level IV, students will perform various styles of repertoire with in-depth study of the focus genres:

Classical and Popular music.

Tasks

Students will:

- Study and analyze key characteristics of Classical and Popular music.
- Compare and contrast characteristics of the varying musical genres in current orchestra repertoire

Assessment

• Written worksheet answering focus questions for each repertoire genre.

Classical

- 1. What is the characteristic bowing style for Classical music and describe how it's performed. (brush stroke, sweeping bow stroke that lifts off the string at the end of every eighth note)
- 2. What is the standard form of a piece of classical music? (sonata form)

Popular

- 1. What is a characteristic rhythm of Popular music? (syncopation)
- 2. What is the characteristic texture of Popular music? (melody, rhythm section: bass line, chordal accompaniment, percussion)

Fairfield Public Schools Assessment Pack Grade 7 Orchestra

7 th (Grade	Melodic	Compos	ition
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Melodic Composition in G Major

- 1) Play the first four measures that have been given to you.
- 2) Think of a four-measure phrase to follow the first four measures.
- 3) When you have created a four-measure phrase that you like, notate it.
 - 4) If you need space to practice this, use the staff paper on the back.

Requirements

- 1) Use most of the pitches of the G Major Scale.
- 2) Use four beats in each measure.
- 3) Use a variety of rhythms and note values.
- 4) End on G

Ended on G.

You may find it easier to create a good-sounding melody by playing the melody and then notating it. Start by playing the given four measures, then play whatever comes to mind.





Composition ChecklistPossible Pitches_____ Composed four measures.G A B C D E F# G____ Used most pitches in the G major scale____ Used four beats in each measure.____ Used a variety of rhythms.____ Possible RhythmsHalfQuarter

Eighth

Dotted Quarter

7 th Grade Melodic	Composition
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- 1) Use most of the pitches of the G Major Scale.
- 2) Use four beats in each measure.
- 3) Use a variety of rhythms.
- 4) Ended on G

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Composed four measures.Used most pitches in the G major scaleUsed four beats in each measure.

_____ Used a variety of rhythms.

Ended on G.

Composition Checklist

7th Grade Melodic Composition

Possible Pitches

G A B C D E F# G

Possible Rhythms

Half Quarter

Eighth Dotted Quarter

CELLO/BASS

Name:	Date:	Class:	
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Melodic Composition in G Major

- 1) Play the first four measures that have been given to you.
- 2) Think of a four-measure phrase to follow the first four measures.
- 3) When you have created a four-measure phrase that you like, notate it.
 - 4) If you need space to practice this, use the staff paper on the back.

Requirements

- 1) Use most of the pitches of the G Major Scale.
- 2) Use four beats in each measure.
- 3) Use a variety of rhythms.
- 4) Ended on G.

You may find it easier to create a good-sounding melody by playing the melody and then notating it. Start by playing the given four measures, then play whatever comes to mind.



Composition Checklist	Possible	Possible Pitches					
Composed four measures.	G A B	C D E F#	G				
Used most pitches in the G major scale	2						
Used four beats in each measure.	Possible	Rhythms					
Used a variety of rhythms.	Half	Quarter					
Ended on G.	Eighth	Dotted Quarte	er				
Use this space to practice your composition.	When you have	e created a good					
melody, copy it to the front.	-	_					



Composition Rubric Grade 7

Name:	

Requirement	Points Possible	Points Earned	Teacher
			Comments
The	10		
composition			
contains 4			
measures.			
The	10		
composition is			
in the key of G			
Major.			
The	30		
composition			
uses most of			
pitches in the G			
major scale.			
The	10		
composition			
contains 4 beats			
per measure.			
The	30		
composition			
uses a variety of			
note values.			
The	10		
composition			
ends on G.			

Name	Date	
	7 th Grade Peer Evaluation of Melodic Composition	
Yes No	Are most of the pitches of the G Major Scale used?	
Yes No	Does each measure have 4 beats?	
Yes No	Is there a variety of rhythms?	
Yes No	Does the composition end on G?	
Name	Date	
	7 th Grade Peer Evaluation of Melodic Composition	
Yes No	Are most of the pitches of the G Major Scale used?	
Yes No	Does each measure have 4 beats?	
Yes No	Is there a variety of rhythms?	
Yes No	Does the composition end on G?	
Name		
Name	Date	
	7 th Grade Peer Evaluation of Melodic Composition	
Yes No	Are most of the pitches of the G Major Scale used?	
Yes No	Does each measure have 4 beats?	
Yes No	Is there a variety of rhythms?	
Yes No	Does the composition end on G?	

Concert Evaluation

Name:	Date:
What did you think was the orche	estra's strongest piece and why?
In which piece(s) did you hear roo improvements could be made?	om for improvement? What specific
Which espressive string technique (Articulation, bowing, etc.) In wh	es were particularly effective in the concert? nich piece(s) can you hear them?
Which expressive string technique	es could have been used more effectively?
How do you think the behavior ar you think that affects the perform	nd presentation of the group was overall? How do ance?
Overall, how do you think the orc	hestra performed? Why?
What is/are your personal goal(s) orchestra? How do you plan to ac	for improvement as a contributor to the chieve it/them?

7 th Grade	
Genre Focus Questions: Classical	
Name:	-

This concert series, we have rehearsed and performed music from many different genres. One of the genres that we have focused on has been Classical. Please answer the focus questions below based on what you have learned and understand about Classical music.

- 1. What is the characteristic bowing style for Classical music and describe how it is performed.
- 2. What is the standard form of a piece of Classical music?

7 th Grade Genre Focus Questions: Popular Music
Name:
This concert series, we have rehearsed and performed music from many different genres. One of the genres that we have focused on has been Popular music. Please answer the focus questions below based on what you have learned and understand about Popular music.
1. What is a characteristic rhythm of Popular music?

2. What is the characteristic texture of Popular music?

7th Grade Strings Performance Assessment – Spring

Music Department Fairfield Public Schools

Studen	t Name:		Date:		
Instrum	nent				
		Rubric			
	4	Exemplary	Performance consistently correct		
	3	Acceptable	Performance usually correct		
	2	Deficient	Performance occasionally correct		
	1	Unacceptable	Performance consistently incorrect	[
		Sound Innov	vations Book 2	Piece 1	Piece 2
	N	lovice Piece 1: p. 18,	#78 Piece 2: p. 19, #83		
	Prof	ficient Piece 1: p. 26,	#118 Piece 2: p. 27, #124		
	Adv	anced Piece 1: p. 30,	#139 Piece 2: p. 36, #164		
Note A	Accuracy	/			
Intona	ition				
Consis	stency o	f Pulse			
Rhyth	mic Acc	uracy			
Tone (Quality				
Music	al Expre	ssion			
			Totals:		
Overall	Rating				
			Piece 1 (max. poss	ible = 24):	
			Piece 2 (max. poss		
			Overall Score (max. poss	ible = 48):	

Comments:

ORCHESTRA

SKILL LEVEL IV Grade 7

A. Tone Quality

- 1. Demonstrates the variations in tone that result from changing bow weight, bow speed and bow placement
- 2. Performs crescendo and diminuendo
- 3. Demonstrates preliminary vibrato motion

B. Bowing

- 1. Demonstrates left hand pizzicato
- 2. Demonstrates portato (detached slurs)
- 3. Demonstrates spiccato at the balance point

C. Rhythms and Time Signatures

1. Rhythmic Patterns:



2. Time Signatures: 2/2, 2/4, 3/4, 4/4

D. Scales and Scale Patterns

	Violin	Viola	Cello	Bass
D Major	2 octaves	2 octaves	2 octaves	2 octaves
F Major	1 octave	1 octave	1 octave	1 octave
a minor	1 octave	1 octave	1 octave	1 octave
d minor	1 octave	1 octave	1 octave	1 octave
G Chromatic	1 octave	1 octave	1 octave	1 octave

E. Finger Patterns

	Violin	Viola	Cello	Bass
Finger Patterns	0 1 2 34 01 2 3 4	0 1 2 34 01 2 3 4	Forward ext. (0 1 2 4)	Reinforce

F. Positions

- 1. Demonstrate basic shifting motion from 1st position to the positions outlined below
- 2. Introduce and begin work in the following positions:
 - a) violin/viola continue working in III
 - b) cello ½, II, II1/2, III, III1/2 continue working in IV and on open positions
 - c) bass IV, VI continue working in ½, II, III

G. Solo Performance

Perform an appropriate solo with proper position, characteristic tone quality, accurate pitch, rhythm, dynamics, articulation and intonation.

BASS SKILL LEVEL 4 ASSESSMENT FORM

A STUDENT HAS COMPLETED A GIVEN LEVEL WHEN HE/SHE HAS SUCCESSFULLY ACHIEVED THE FOLLOWING:
Level 4:
Student successfully:
☐ Demonstrates the variations in tone that result from changing bow weight, bow speed and bow placement
☐ Performs crescendo and diminuendo
☐ Demonstrates preliminary vibrato motion
☐ Demonstrates left hand pizzicato
☐ Demonstrates portato (detached slurs)
☐ Demonstrates spiccato at the balance point
Demonstrates spreeded at the outlance point
Reads and plays music which includes the following:
□ Note values and corresponding rests:
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☐ Rhythmic patterns:
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Rhythmic patterns:
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☐ Time Signatures: 2/4, 3/4, 4/4, 2/2
Scales and Positions:
Students can successfully play the following scales with appropriate finger patterns:
o D Major, 2 octaves o A minor, 1 octave o G chromatic 1 octave
Student can successfully:
☐ Play natural harmonics on all strings, finding the mid-point of the string length, sounding an octave above
the open string (rote)
☐ Demonstrate basic shifting motion from I position to the natural harmonic an octave above the open string
☐ Demonstrates accurate use IV position
☐ Demonstrate accurate use of IV position
Solo Performance:
Perform an appropriate solo with proper position, characteristic tone quality, accurate pitch, rhythm, dynamics.
articulation and intonation.
articulation and intonation.
COMMENTS:
Student Name:has passed Level 4: Yes No
Teacher Signature:
Date:

CELLO SKILL LEVEL 4 ASSESSMENT FORM

	A STUDENT HAS COMPLETED) a given lev	EL WHE	N HE/SHE HAS SUC	CCESSFULLY ACH	IEVED THE	FOLLOWING:
Level	<u>4:</u>						
	t successfully:						
	Demonstrates the variations	in tone that re	esult fron	n changing bow v	weight, bow spe	ed and bov	v placement
	Performs crescendo and dim	inuendo					
	Demonstrates preliminary vi	brato motion					
	Demonstrates left hand pizzi	cato					
	Demonstrates portato (detach						
	Demonstrates spiccato at the		ıt				
	and plays music which inclu		wing:				
ш	Note values and corresponding						
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	Rhythmic patterns:						
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	Time Signatures: 2/4, 3/4, 4/4	4, 2/2					
	and Positions: as can successfully play the fol	llowing scale	s with ap	propriate finger p	patterns:		
0	D Major, 2 octaves	0	A mino	or, 1 octave		G chro	matic, 1 octave
0	F Major, 1 octave	0	D mino	or, 1 octave			
Studen	t can successfully:						
	☐ Play natural harmonics of the open string (rote)	on all strings,	finding 1	the mid-point of t	he string length	, sounding	an octave above
	☐ Demonstrate basic shifti	ng motion fro	om I posi	tion to the natura	l harmonic an o	ctave abov	e the open string.
	☐ Demonstrate accurate us	e of the follo	wing pos	sitions:			
	o ½ position		0	II 1/2 position	(o III ½ p	osition
	 II position 		0	III position			
Solo Pe	erformance:						
	Perform an appropriate solo articulation and intonation.	with proper p	osition,	characteristic ton	e quality, accura	ite pitch, rl	nythm, dynamics,
CC	MANAENITO.						
	MMENTS:						
Stud	ent Name:				_has passed l	Level 4:	Yes No
Teac	her Signature:						

VIOLA SKILL LEVEL 4 ASSESSMENT FORM

	A STUDENT HAS COMPLETED A GIV	'EN LE	VEL WHEN	HE/SHE H	HAS SU	ICCESSF	ULLY A	CHIE	ED THE	FOLLOV	VING:
Level	<u>4:</u>										
Studen	t successfully:										
	Demonstrates the variations in tone	that r	esult from	changing	g bow	weight	, bow s	speed	and bo	w placei	ment
	Performs crescendo and diminuend	0									
	Demonstrates preliminary vibrato n	notion	1								
	Demonstrates left hand pizzicato										
	Demonstrates portato (detached slu	ırs)									
	Demonstrates spiccato at the balance	ce poir	nt								
Reads	and plays music which includes the Note values and corresponding rest	is:	C								
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	Rhythmic patterns:										
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	Time Signatures: 2/4, 3/4, 4/4, 2/2										
	and Positions: ts can successfully play the following	g scale	es with app	propriate:	finger	pattern	ıs:				
0	D Major, 2 octaves	0	A minor	; 1 octav	e			0	G chr	omatic, I	l octave
0	F Major, 1 octave	0	D minor	, 1 octav	e						
Studen	t can successfully:										
	Play natural harmonics on all string open string (rote)	gs, find	ding the m	id-point (of the	string le	ength, s	sound	ling an	octave a	bove the
П	Demonstrate basic shifting motion	from I	nosition t	o the nati	ural ha	rmonic	e an oct	ave a	hove th	ne onen s	string
	Demonstrate accurate use of III pos		position	o the nati	urai iic	ımını	an oct	iave a	10000 11	ic open s	sumg.
Sala D	erformance:										
	Perform an appropriate solo with practiculation and intonation.	roper p	position, c	haracteris	stic to	ne quali	ity, acc	urate	pitch, 1	rhythm,	dynamics,
CC	DMMENTS:										
Stud	ent Name:					_has	passeo	d Le	vel 4:	Yes	No
1 eac	cher Signature:							_			
Date											

VIOLIN SKILL LEVEL 4 ASSESSMENT FORM

A STUDENT HAS COMPLETED A GIVEN LEVEL WHEN HE/SHE HAS SUCCESSFULLY ACHIEVED THE FOLLOWING:

Level 4:								
	t successfully:							
	☐ Demonstrates the variations in tone that result from changing bow weight, bow speed and bow placement							
	Performs crescendo and diminuendo							
	☐ Demonstrates preliminary vibrato motion							
	☐ Demonstrates left hand pizzicato							
	☐ Demonstrates portato (detached slurs)							
Ц	Demonstrates spiccato at the balance point							
	and plays music which includes the following: Note values and corresponding rests:							
	Rhythmic patterns:							
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	Time Signatures: 2/4, 3/4, 4/4, 2/2							
	and Positions: s can successfully play the following scales with appropriate finger patterns:							
	D Major, 2 octaves O A minor, 1 octave O G chromatic, 1 octave							
	F Major, 1 octave O D minor, 1 octave O Contomatic, 1 octave							
	t can successfully:							
	Play natural harmonics on all strings, finding the mid-point of the string length, sounding an octave above the open string (rote)							
	Demonstrate basic shifting motion from I position to the natural harmonic an octave above the open string. Demonstrate accurate use of III position.							
Solo Pe	erformance:							
	Perform an appropriate solo with proper position, characteristic tone quality, accurate pitch, rhythm, dynamics articulation and intonation.							
CO	MMENTS:							
Stud	ent Name:has passed Level 4: Yes No							
Teacher Signature:								
Date:								

7th Grade Orchestra

End of Year Assessment

Name:	
caesura	A. a rapid, slight variation in pitch to produce a stronger, richer tone
adagio	B. a chord whose pitches are played one at a time
fortissimo	C. a set of sharps or flats placed together on the staff immediately after the clef
cantabile	D. a break or interruption in the music (railroad tracks)
presto	E. very loud
spiccato	F. in a singing style
pianissimo	G. a short, off the string bow stroke
portato	H. in a majestic manner
vibrato	I. at a rapid tempo
interval	J. in a slow tempo
key signature	K. return to original tempo
maestoso	L. a single pitch played repeatedly and rapidly
tremolo	M. very soft
dolce	N. notes that are the same pitch bearing a different name
contact point	O the distance between two notes
arpeggio	P. the place where you draw the bow between the fingerboard and the bridge where the note being played has the most resonance
balance point	Q. detached slurs
enharmonic	R. sweetly and softly
a tempo	S. Point on the bow where the weight is equally
	distributed

Half Steps & Whole Steps Name a ½ step above: Name a whole step below: B ____ G# ____ D# ____ G ____ E ____ Ab ____

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What's the enharmonic of:	
D#	Bb

Intervals

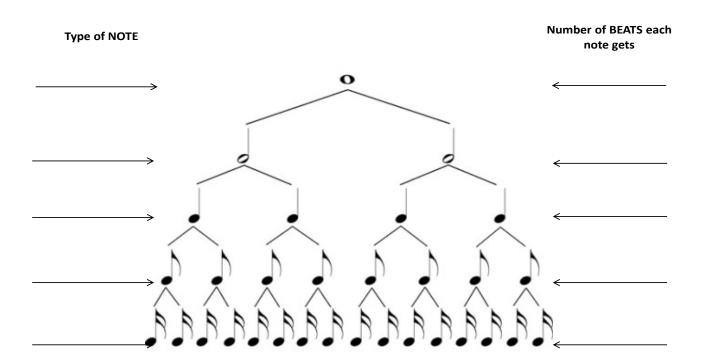
What is the distance between E & F#?

What is the distance between B & C?

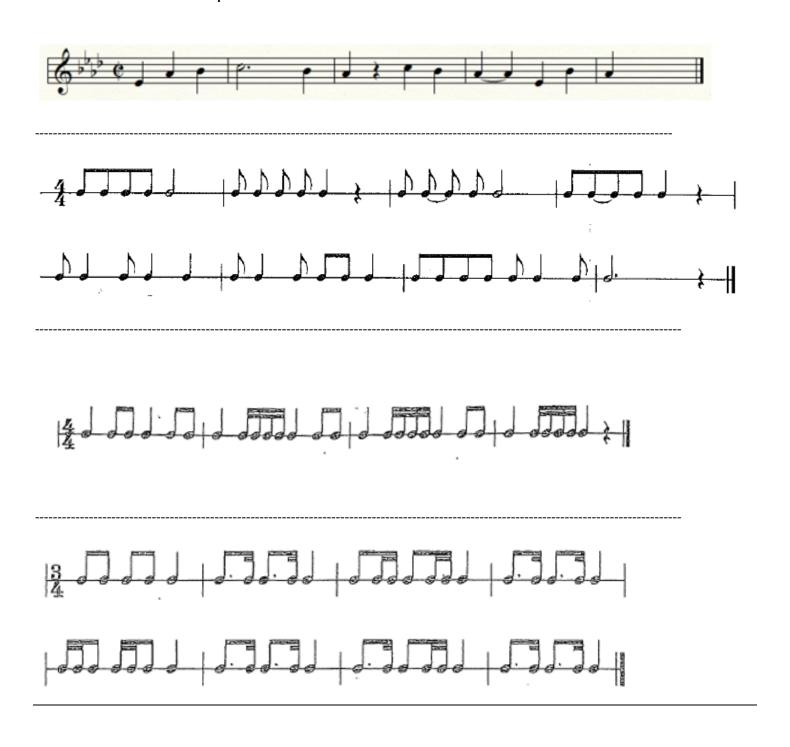
What is the distance between Db & Eb?

Time Signatures, Note Values and Enumeration

- 1) What does a dot next to any note or rest add?
- 2) What does the top number of the time signature tell?
- 3) What does the bottom number of the time signature tell?
- 4) In the pyramid below, identify each kind of note and tell how many beats each would get if there is a 2 on the **bottom** of the time signature.



Enumerate the examples below. Write the counts below the notes.

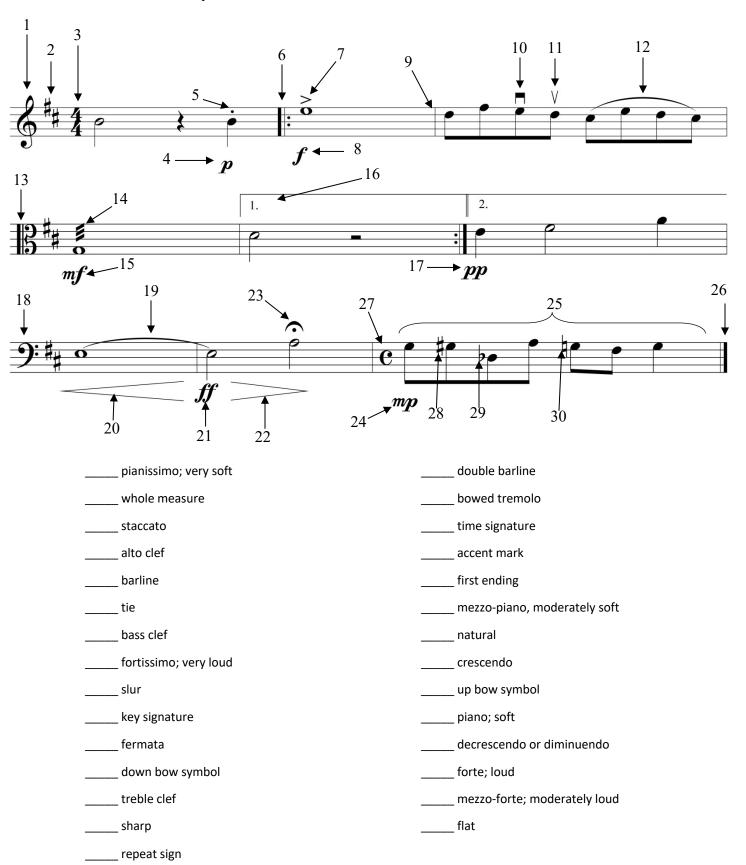




Term Identification

common time

Match each of the musical symbols with the correct musical terms below



Key Signatures

Identify the following key signatures in the space provided beside each example:

