



Florida Performing Fine Arts Assessment

Item Specifications for Benchmarks in Course: 1305400 Music Ensemble 1

Course Title: Music Ensemble 1

Course Number: 1305400

Abbreviated Title: MUSIC ENS 1

Number of Credits: 1

Course Length: Year

Course Level: 2

Graduation Requirements: PF

PERFORMING Benchmarks

Task	Item Type	Course Description: Students with little or no experience in a vocal or instrumental ensemble develop basic musicianship and ensemble performance skills through the study of basic, high-quality music in diverse styles. Student musicians focus on building foundational music techniques, music literacy, listening skills, and aesthetic awareness. Public performances may serve as a culmination of specific instructional goals. Students may be required to attend and/or participate in rehearsals and performances outside the school day to support, extend, and assess learning in the classroom. This course, if used for an instrumental ensemble, may also require students to obtain a musical instrument (e.g., borrow, rent, purchase) from an outside source.	
A	P1	MU.912.O.3.2	Interpret and perform expressive elements indicated by the musical score and/or conductor.
	P1	MU.912.S.3.1	Synthesize a broad range of musical skills by performing a varied repertoire with expression, appropriate stylistic interpretation, technical accuracy, and kinesthetic energy.
B	O1	MU.912.S.3.2	Sight-read music accurately and expressively to show synthesis of skills.
C	CP1	MU.912.S.1.3	Arrange a musical work by manipulating two or more aspects of the composition.

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Prepared Performance I – Task A

COURSE	Music Ensemble I
BENCHMARK #(S)	MU.912.O.3.2, MU.912.S.3.1
BIG IDEA	
ENDURING UNDERSTANDING	
BENCHMARK(S)	MU.912.O.3.2 Interpret and perform expressive elements indicated by the musical score and/or conductor. MU.912.S.3.1 Synthesize a broad range of musical skills by performing a varied repertoire with expression, appropriate stylistic interpretation, technical accuracy, and kinesthetic energy.
BENCHMARK CLARIFICATION	Perform expressively, with correct instrumental technique, age appropriate repertoire.
ITEM TYPES	Prepared Performance
CONTENT LIMITS	Elements to evaluate may include tone quality (vocal or instrumental), intonation, articulation, attacks/releases, technique, posture, note and rhythmic accuracy, dynamics, tempo, style, sonority, precision, phrasing, shaping of line, expression. Works selected should come from the public domain and should be consistent with the music that is studied and/or performed in this course.
CONTEXTS (Student's Role)	Performer
DEPTH OF KNOWLEDGE	2
STIMULUS ATTRIBUTES	Musical score length should be appropriate for piece. Length should be no longer than 45 seconds. Solo performance, recorded in one sitting. Selection could be an excerpt from a larger piece or an original composition. Key selection would depend on instrument and setting. Difficulty level should be appropriate for student experience level. Musical elements should include at least three of the following (or similar elements) to facilitate accurate scoring: tone quality (vocal or instrumental), intonation, articulation, attacks/releases, technique, posture, note and rhythmic accuracy, dynamics, tempo, style, sonority, precision, phrasing, shaping of line, expression.
RESPONSE ATTRIBUTES	Audio recording
TIME ALLOTMENT	60-90 seconds
PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT /EQUIPMENT (e.g., Microphone, Stand):	Standard practice room with window. Reasonable degree of soundproofing. Equipment: Computer, microphone, music stand, chair

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Item Specific Scorer's Rubric: Prepared Performance I – Task A

4-point sample answer:

POINTS	Tone Quality	Pitch Accuracy	Rhythmic Accuracy	Expressive Elements	Artistic Interpretation
4 points	Characteristic tone is consistently observed	Accuracy in pitch is consistently observed.	Accuracy in rhythm is consistently observed.	Appropriate expressiveness is consistently observed.	Appropriate interpretation is consistently observed.
3 points	Minor inaccuracies observed in characteristic tone but does not distract from performance quality	Minor inaccuracies observed in pitch accuracy but does not distract from performance quality.	Minor inaccuracies observed in rhythmic accuracy but does not distract from performance quality.	Minor inaccuracies observed in appropriate expressiveness but does not distract from performance quality.	Minor inaccuracies observed in appropriate interpretation but does not distract from performance quality.
2 points	Flaws observed in tone quality that distract from performance quality	Flaws observed in pitch accuracy that distract from performance quality	Flaws observed in rhythmic accuracy that distract from performance quality	Flaws observed in appropriate expressiveness that distract from performance quality	Flaws observed in appropriate interpretation that distract from performance quality
1 point	Tone quality is poor	Pitch accuracy is poor.	Rhythmic accuracy is poor.	Expressiveness is poor.	Interpretation is poor.

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On Demand Performance I – Task B

COURSE	Music Ensemble I
BENCHMARK #(S)	MU.912.S.2.2, MU.912.S.3.2
BIG IDEA	
ENDURING UNDERSTANDING	
BENCHMARK(S)	MU.912.S.2.2 Transfer expressive elements and performance techniques from one piece of music to another. MU.912.S.3.2 Sight-read music accurately and expressively to show synthesis of skills.
BENCHMARK CLARIFICATION	Sight-Read a musical example using appropriate notes and rhythms and following expressive markings.
ITEM TYPES	On demand
CONTENT LIMITS	Limited to American traditional folk or original compositions that reflect the material in class. Items to be assessed pitch and rhythmic accuracy and observation of expressive markings
CONTEXTS (Student's Role)	Performer
DEPTH OF KNOWLEDGE	2
STIMULUS ATTRIBUTES	Four measure musical example (no more than 16 beats), Key of C, Do-So, using whole notes, half notes, and quarter notes. 60-88 bpm.
RESPONSE ATTRIBUTES	Student will perform piece with a steady tempo, accurate rhythms and correct pitches.
TIME ALLOTMENT	60-90 seconds
PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT /EQUIPMENT (e.g., Microphone, Stand):	Standard practice room with window. Reasonable degree of soundproofing. Equipment: Computer, microphone, music stand, chair

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SAMPLE QUESTION: On Demand Performance I - Task B

Welcome to the sight-reading portion of the music test. You will have 20 seconds to study the musical score. You will be given the starting pitch, a count off, then sing the piece. Here is your starting pitch. One, two, ready sing.



Item Specific Scorer's Rubric: On Demand Performance I – Task B

4-point sample answer:

POINTS	Musical Expression (tempo, interpretation, dynamics)	Musical Technique (tone, articulation, rhythmic accuracy, intonation, etc.)
4 points	All expressive markings are clearly demonstrated.	All musical technique elements are clearly demonstrated.
3 points	Obvious attempt at all expressive markings and most are clearly demonstrated	Obvious attempt at all technique elements, and most are clearly demonstrated
2 points	Some expressive markings are attempted	Some musical technique elements are attempted
1 point	No expressive markings are evident in the performance	No musical technique elements are evident in the performance

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