

Florida Performing Fine Arts Assessment Item Specifications

1303300_Chorus_1_Responding

FRONT MATTER - SECONDARY	
Stimulus Attributes	Written questions should be at grade level readability. Written and aural musical excerpts should provide enough information for the student to answer the question keeping in mind the student might not be familiar with the work. Unless noted in a benchmark specification, aural musical excerpts should be a minimum of 30 to 45 seconds. Short answer or extended responses should specify limitations (e.g., length of the desired answer), clearly define the task, and include a clear and concise rubric for grading. Research and identify copyright information for each visual and aural example. Writers are encouraged to review public domain sources and/or compose/arrange musical examples based on the benchmarks.
Response Attributes	Selected response choices should be at grade level readability and approximately the same length. Selected response items must contain only one correct answer. All distractors must be plausible. If aural distractors are used, they should be 5-10 seconds in length.

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Item Specifications for Benchmarks in Course: 1303300 Chorus 1

Course Title: Chorus 1

Course Number: 1303300
Abbreviated Title: Chorus 1
Course Length: Year
Course Level: 2
Credit: 1.0

Graduation Requirements: Will meet Performing/Fine Arts (PF) requirement

Course Description: This year-long, entry-level class, designed for students with little or no choral experience, promotes the enjoyment and appreciation of music through performance of beginning choral repertoire from a variety of times and places. Rehearsals focus on the development of critical listening skills; foundational instrumental technique and skills, music literacy, and ensemble skills; and aesthetic musical awareness culminating in periodic public performances.

General Note: All instruction related to Music benchmarks should be framed by the Big Ideas and Enduring Understandings. Non-Music benchmarks listed in this course are also required and should be fully integrated in support of arts instruction.

Special Note: This course may require students to participate in extra rehearsals and performances beyond the school day.

RESPONDING Benchmarks

R	<u>MU.912.C.1.2:</u>	Compare, using correct music vocabulary, the aesthetic impact of two or more performances of a musical work to one's own hypothesis of the composer's intent.
R	<u>MU.912.C.1.4:</u>	Compare and perform a variety of vocal styles and ensembles.
R	<u>MU.912.C.2.2:</u>	Evaluate performance quality in recorded and/or live performances.
R	<u>MU.912.C.3.1:</u>	Make critical evaluations, based on exemplary models, of the quality and effectiveness of performances and apply the criteria to personal development in music.
R	<u>MU.912.F.3.2:</u>	Summarize copyright laws that govern printed, recorded, and on-line music to promote legal and responsible use of intellectual property and technology.
R	<u>MU.912.H.3.1:</u>	Apply knowledge of science, math, and music to demonstrate, through an acoustic or digital performance medium, how sound production affects musical performance.
R	<u>MU.912.O.1.1:</u>	Evaluate the organizational principles and conventions in musical works and discuss their effect on structure.
R	<u>MU.912.O.3.1:</u>	Analyze expressive elements in a musical work and describe how the choices and manipulations of the elements support, for the listener, the implied meaning of the composer/performer.
R	<u>MU.912.S.3.4:</u>	Analyze and describe the effect of rehearsal sessions and/or strategies on refinement of skills and techniques.

BENCHMARK #:	MU.912.C.1.2
BIG IDEA:	Critical Thinking and Reflection
ENDURING UNDERSTANDING:	Cognition and reflection are required to appreciate, interpret, and create with artistic intent
BENCHMARK:	Compare, using correct music vocabulary, the aesthetic impact of two or more performances of a musical work to one's own hypothesis of the composer's intent
CLARIFICATION:	Compare two different performances of the same excerpt and use the evidence provided (i.e., written music and background of the piece) to evaluate the aural/video performance as it relates to the written content
ITEM TYPES:	SR (Selected Response) / SA (Short Answer)
CONTENT LIMITS:	Works selected should come from the public domain and should be consistent with the music that is studied and/or performed in this course.
DEPTH OF KNOWLEDGE:	Level Two: Skill/Concept
STIMULUS ATTRIBUTES:	See Front Matter. In addition: Provide two high quality recordings. Include as appropriate: written music, composer/program notes, vocal parts, accompaniment and expressive markings. Musical excerpts should not exceed 32 measures in length and should not exceed 45 seconds in listening time for both examples. Follow guidelines for grade level appropriateness for this score reading and listening exercise.
RESPONSE ATTRIBUTES:	See Front Matter. In addition: Response should focus on musical characteristics that may include but are not limited to the interpretation of: melody, harmony, timbre, texture, form and expression; that assist in creating a meaning for this composition

SAMPLE QUESTION:

Sample Question (Short Answer)	<p>Listen to these two versions of the same composition.</p> <p>What is one way these performances are different? What is one way these performances are similar?</p> <p>Example 1: <insert Example 1></p> <p>Example 2: <insert Example 2></p>
Media	<p>MEDIA: Audio recording</p> <p>DESCRIPTION: <DW: Create two versions of “Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring” by J.S. Bach- one instrumental and one vocal.></p>

Points	Scoring Rubric
2 points	<p>The response includes one example of how the performances are different, and one way they are similar. Responses include correct musical terminology. Examples may include, but are not limited to:</p> <p>Differences:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Texture / One is choral and one is instrumental. • Tempo / One is allegro (fast) and one is largo (slow) <p>Similarities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dynamics / Used in a similar manner to create contrasts and musicality • Phrasing / Used in a similar manner so that both have a lyrical quality.
1 point	<p>The response includes one example of how the pieces are different OR The response includes one example of how they are similar.</p>
0 points	<p>The response indicates inadequate or no understanding of the concept needed to answer the item. The student may have written on a different topic or written "I don't know."</p>
Sample Answer	<p>One way they are the same is that they both use dynamics to create contrast. They are different because of the tempo.</p>

BENCHMARK #:	MU.912.C.1.4
BIG IDEA:	Critical Thinking and Reflection
ENDURING UNDERSTANDING:	Cognition and reflection are required to appreciate, interpret, and create with artistic intent
BENCHMARK:	Compare and perform a variety of vocal styles and ensembles
CLARIFICATION:	Compare two contrasting aural excerpts of vocal styles and/or vocal solo or ensembles. Identify the similarities and/or differences between the vocal characteristics of the excerpts
ITEM TYPES:	SR (Selected Response) / SA (Short Answer)
CONTENT LIMITS:	Focus on examples including but not limited to: classical, jazz, pop, chant, spiritual, folk, opera, or world music; and solo, duet, trio, quartet, small ensemble, or choir.
DEPTH OF KNOWLEDGE:	Level Two: Skill/Concept
STIMULUS ATTRIBUTES:	See Front Matter. In addition: Aural examples should be a high quality representative recording of the style or ensemble. Aural examples can be supported by written notation. Written examples should contain common stylistic elements of the specific style.
RESPONSE ATTRIBUTES:	See Front Matter

SAMPLE QUESTION:

Sample Question (Short Answer)	<p>Listen to the musical examples.</p> <p>What are two vocal characteristics that are similar in both examples?</p> <p>Example 1: <insert audio 1></p> <p>Example 2: <insert audio 2></p>
Media	<p><DW: Create two musical excerpts between 10 – 25 seconds in length. Example 1: record Amazing Grace performed by a solo female vocalist. Example 2: record The Star-Spangled Banner performed by a solo female vocalist. Both recordings should be sung in the soprano register, with 2-4 measure phrases, appropriate use of vibrato and performed at a tempo of 84 bpm.></p>

Points	Scoring Rubric
2 points	Response includes two vocal characteristics that are evident in both performances. Examples may include, but are not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Vibrato• Phrasing• Soprano register• Similar tempo• Varied dynamics
1 point	Response includes one correct vocal characteristic.
0 points	The response indicates inadequate or no understanding of the concept needed to answer the item. The student may have written on a different topic or written "I don't know."
Sample Answer	Both songs are sung by a female soprano vocalist who uses vibrato.

BENCHMARK #:	MU.912.C.2.2
BIG IDEA:	Critical Thinking and Reflection
ENDURING UNDERSTANDING:	Assessing our own and others' artistic work, through critical thinking, problem-solving, and decision-making, is central to artistic growth
BENCHMARK:	Evaluate performance quality in recorded and/or live performances
CLARIFICATION:	Listen to and evaluate a vocal solo or choral performance of a musical excerpt
ITEM TYPES:	SR (Selected Response) / SA (Short Answer)
CONTENT LIMITS:	Elements to evaluate may include: resonance, focus and placement, breath support, vowels and consonants, register adjustment, control, intonation, attacks/releases, posture, note and rhythmic accuracy, dynamics, tempo, style, balance, blend, phrasing, dramatic effect, articulations, interpretation, communication and poise, 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.
DEPTH OF KNOWLEDGE:	Level Two: Skill/Concept
STIMULUS ATTRIBUTES:	See Front Matter. In addition: Aural/video examples should be high quality representative recordings and should be no longer than 32 measures or 45 seconds in length.
RESPONSE ATTRIBUTES:	See Front Matter

SAMPLE QUESTION:

Sample Question (Selected Response)	Listen to the musical example. How would the quality of this performance be described with regard to intonation? <Insert audio example> A. The phrases are extended and connected. B. The tone is breathy and lacked support. C. The pitch in the upper register is flat.* D. The words are clearly understood.
Media	MEDIA: Audio recording DESCRIPTION: <DW: Create a recording of a piece of choral music with the upper most voice performing flat.>
Correct Answer	KEY: C

BENCHMARK #:	MU.912.C.3.1
BIG IDEA:	Critical Thinking and Reflection
ENDURING UNDERSTANDING:	The processes of critiquing works of art lead to development of critical- thinking skills transferable to other contexts.
BENCHMARK:	Make critical evaluations, based on exemplary models, of the quality and effectiveness of performances and apply the criteria to personal development in music.
CLARIFICATION:	Compare an exemplary model to another performance of the same musical excerpt and identify methods in the exemplary model that could be applied to improve the second performance.
ITEM TYPES:	SR (Selected Response) / SA (Short Answer)
CONTENT LIMITS:	Elements to evaluate may include: resonance, focus and placement, breath support, vowels and consonants, register adjustment, control, intonation, attacks/releases, posture, note and rhythmic accuracy, dynamics, tempo, style, balance, blend, phrasing, dramatic effect, articulations, interpretation, communication and poise, 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.
DEPTH OF KNOWLEDGE:	Level Two: Skill/Concept
STIMULUS ATTRIBUTES:	See Front Matter. In addition: Provide two high quality recordings. The first example must be at a consummate professional level. Musical excerpts should not exceed 32 measures in length and should not exceed 45 seconds in listening time for both examples. Follow guidelines for grade level appropriateness for this score reading and listening exercise.
RESPONSE ATTRIBUTES:	See Front Matter

SAMPLE QUESTION:

Sample Question (Selected Response)	<p>Listen to the following examples of two different performing groups.</p> <p>Which comparison of the two groups is accurate?</p> <p>Example 1 <Insert audio 1></p> <p>Example 2 <Insert audio 2></p> <p>A. The ensemble in Example 1 has soloists, and the ensemble in Example 2 does not. B. The ensemble in Example 1 is singing on pitch, and the ensemble in Example 2 is not. C. The ensemble in Example 1 is singing softly, and the ensemble in Example 2 is singing loudly. D. The ensemble in Example 1 is hard to understand, and the ensemble in Example has clear words.</p>
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Media	MEDIA: Audio recording DESCRIPTION: <DW: Create two audio recordings. Professional ensemble (1 st) and school ensemble (2 nd) singing the same composition. (They must differ in intonation, with the school ensemble singing flat in pitch)
Correct Answer	KEY: A

BENCHMARK #:	MU.912.F.3.2
BIG IDEA:	Critical Thinking and Reflection
ENDURING UNDERSTANDING:	The processes of critiquing works of art lead to development of critical- thinking skills transferable to other contexts.
BENCHMARK:	Summarize copyright laws that govern printed, recorded, and on-line music to promote legal and responsible use of intellectual property and technology.
CLARIFICATION:	According to federal copyright laws, identify and/or summarize method(s) for responsible use of a creative work(s) with a patent, copyright, or trademark (printed, recorded, and online music)
ITEM TYPES:	SR (Selected Response) / SA (Short Answer)
CONTENT LIMITS:	Copyright as it applies to legal and responsible use of intellectual property and technology.
DEPTH OF KNOWLEDGE:	Level One: Recall
STIMULUS ATTRIBUTES:	See Front Matter. In addition: Stimulus should include the most recent legislation concerning copyright law in the United States, See http://www.copyright.gov/ or nafme.org .
RESPONSE ATTRIBUTES:	See Front Matter

SAMPLE QUESTION:

Sample Question (Selected Response)	Which of the following illustrates a violation of copyright law? A. Purchasing music and videos online. B. Purchasing enough copies for the full chorus. C. Getting permission to extract a sample from a recording. D. Copying choral music because there are not enough copies.*
Media	N/A
Correct Answer	KEY: D

BENCHMARK #:	MU.912.H.3.1
BIG IDEA:	Historical and Global Connections
ENDURING UNDERSTANDING:	Connections among the arts and other disciplines strengthen learning and the ability to transfer knowledge and skills to and from other fields
BENCHMARK:	Apply knowledge of science, math, and music to demonstrate, through an acoustic or digital performance medium, how sound production affects musical performance
CLARIFICATION:	Identify aspects of science, math, and music that demonstrate the relationship between sound production and musical performance
ITEM TYPES:	SR (Selected Response) / SA (Short Answer)
CONTENT LIMITS:	May include but is not limited to: acoustics, venue characteristics, symmetry, sound waves, patterns, structure, velocity, vibrations, frequencies
DEPTH OF KNOWLEDGE:	Level Two: Skill/Concept
STIMULUS ATTRIBUTES:	See Front Matter
RESPONSE ATTRIBUTES:	See Front Matter

SAMPLE QUESTION:

Sample Question (Selected Response)	How are the acoustics different between a performance inside on a school stage and one on an outside stage? A. The performance outside will sound softer because of the air temperature. B. The performance outside will require more singers because the area is larger. C. The performance inside will need more amplification because the stage is smaller. D. The performance inside sounds louder because of the surfaces surrounding the stage.*
Media	n/a
Correct Answer	KEY: D

BENCHMARK #:	MU.912.O.1.1
BIG IDEA:	Organizational Structure
ENDURING UNDERSTANDING:	Understanding the organizational structure of an art form provides a foundation for appreciation of artistic works and respect for the creative process.
BENCHMARK:	Evaluate the organizational principles and conventions in musical works and discuss their effect on structure.
CLARIFICATION:	Use musical elements to critique the organizational principles and conventions of excerpts from vocal repertoire.
ITEM TYPES:	SR (Selected Response) / SA (Short Answer)
CONTENT LIMITS:	Musical elements/attributes include, but are not limited to: melody, rhythm, timbre, form, tonality, harmony, and texture. Works selected should come from the public domain and should be consistent with the music that is studied and/or performed in this course.
DEPTH OF KNOWLEDGE:	Level Two: Skill/Concept
STIMULUS ATTRIBUTES:	See Front Matter
RESPONSE ATTRIBUTES:	See Front Matter

SAMPLE QUESTION:

Sample Question (Selected Response)	<p>Look at an excerpt from Vivaldi's Gloria.</p> <p>Which type of ensemble is most likely to perform the work?</p> <p><Insert graphic></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. String trio B. Vocal Soloist C. Large choral ensemble.* D. Large instrumental ensemble
Media	<p>MEDIA: score graphic</p> <p>DESCRIPTION: <DW: Create a picture of an excerpt from the first page of the musical score for Vivaldi's Gloria.></p>
Correct Answer	KEY: C

BENCHMARK #:	MU.912.O.3.1
BIG IDEA:	Organizational Structure
ENDURING UNDERSTANDING:	Every art form uses its own unique language, verbal and non-verbal, to document and communicate with the world
BENCHMARK:	Analyze expressive elements in a musical work and describe how the choices and manipulations of the elements support, for the listener, the implied meaning of the composer/performer
CLARIFICATION:	Explain expressive elements employed by the composer and/or performer using context cues to understand the composer's intended meaning of the work
ITEM TYPES:	SR (Selected Response) / SA (Short Answer)
CONTENT LIMITS:	May include but not limited to: tempo markings, expression markings, articulation markings, phrasing, scales, modes, harmonic structure, timbre, rhythm, orchestration, or lyrics
DEPTH OF KNOWLEDGE:	Level Two: Skill/Concept
STIMULUS ATTRIBUTES:	See Front Matter
RESPONSE ATTRIBUTES:	See Front Matter

SAMPLE QUESTION:

Sample Question (Short Answer)	<p>Read the program notes from the opera. Then listen to the musical excerpt from an aria.</p> <p>What is the character feeling?</p> <p>What expressive element is used to convey that emotion?</p>
Media	<p>MEDIA: Text, audio, written score</p> <p>DESCRIPTION: <DW: Create an Excerpt of program notes- Madame Butterfly; recording of soprano aria from same “Un Bel Dì”</p>

POINTS	SCORING RUBRIC
2 points	<p>Response describes an emotion and gives an example of an expressive element used to convey the emotion. Examples may include, but are not limited to:</p> <p>Emotion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sad • Alone • Melancholy <p>Expressive Element:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minor key • Slow tempo
1 point	<p>Response describes an emotion. OR Response gives one expressive element.</p>
0 points	<p>The response indicates inadequate or no understanding of the concept needed to answer the item. The student may have written on a different topic or written "I don't know."</p>
Sample Answer	<p>The music is in a minor key making the character sound sad.</p>

BENCHMARK #:	MU.912.S.3.4
BIG IDEA:	Skills, Techniques, and Processes
ENDURING UNDERSTANDING:	Through purposeful practice, artists learn to manage, master, and refine simple, then complex, skills and techniques
BENCHMARK:	Analyze and describe the effect of rehearsal sessions and/or strategies on refinement of skills and techniques
CLARIFICATION:	Identify and/or describe how rehearsal strategies have led to the refinement of skills and techniques by comparing two rehearsals or performances of the same piece over time
ITEM TYPES:	SR (Selected Response) / SA (Short Answer)
CONTENT LIMITS:	Focus on improvements in tone, correct pitch and rhythms, balance, blend, articulation/diction, or 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
DEPTH OF KNOWLEDGE:	Level Two: Skill/Concept
STIMULUS ATTRIBUTES:	See Front Matter. In addition: If applicable, aural/video examples should be high quality representative recordings and should be at least 16 measures each and no longer than 45 seconds in length. Include written music as appropriate
RESPONSE ATTRIBUTES:	See Front Matter

SAMPLE QUESTION:

Sample Question	<p>Listen to the musical examples. The first was recorded without rehearsal time. The second was recorded after two weeks of practice.</p> <p>What are two elements that show improvement from the first to the second performance?</p> <p>Example 1: <Insert audio 1></p> <p>Example 2: <Insert audio 2></p>
Media (Short Answer)	<p>MEDIA: audio recordings</p> <p>DESCRIPTION: <DW: Create two recording of a short excerpt. The first one should be performed as if a student was sight-reading, the second should be performed as if the performer has had ample time to prepare the music.></p>

POINTS	SCORING RUBRIC
2 points	<p>Response includes two elements that have improved. Examples may include, but will not be limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pitch • Rhythm • Intonation • Diction • Dynamics • Phrasing
1 point	The response includes one element.
0 points	The response indicates inadequate or no understanding of the concept needed to answer the item. The student may have written on a different topic or written “I don’t know.”
Sample Answer	The singer is more in tune in the second example. The words are more clearly understood in the second example.