

Florida Performing Fine Arts Assessment Item Specifications

1305400_Music_Ensemble_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: 1305400 Music Ensemble 1

Course Title: Music Ensemble 1

Course Number: 1305400

Abbreviated Title: Music Ensemble 1

Course Length: Year

Course Level: 2

Credit: 1.0

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

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.

RESPONDING Benchmarks

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.1.5:</u>	Analyze music within cultures to gain understanding of authentic performance practices.

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 solo, chamber (small) or large ensemble performance of a musical excerpt.
ITEM TYPES:	SR (Selected Response) / SA (Short Answer)
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, balance, blend, 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.
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)	Which musical example contains errors in both intonation and balance? <Insert picture of score excerpt> A. <Audio example 1> B. <Audio example 2>* C. <Audio example 3> D. <Audio example 4>
Media	<DW: Create four audio performance examples and one picture of a score of a four measure piece for flute trio of with each example played with different interpretation.> Audio example 1 - Performed as per the score Audio example 2 - Contains poor intonation and balance. Audio example 3 - Contains poor intonation only. Audio example 4 – Contains poor balance only.

Correct Answer	A. <Audio example 2 - Contains poor intonation and balance (long notes played louder than the melody).>
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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: tone quality (vocal or instrumental), intonation, articulation, attacks/releases, technique, posture, note and rhythmic accuracy, dynamics, tempo, style, balance, blend, 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
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 (Short Answer)	<p>Listen to the first audio example of a professional musician performing a solo excerpt.</p> <p>Example 1 <insert audio example 1></p> <p>Now listen to the second audio example of a student musician performing the same solo excerpt.</p> <p>Example 2 <insert audio example 2></p> <p>What is one musical feature of the professional performance that makes it effective?</p> <p>How would the student’s performance be improved if the same musical feature was applied to it?</p>
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Media	<p><DW: Create Two audio examples of an excerpt from a flute solo.</p> <p>A. The first example is performed at a professional level and has distinctive articulation, style, is played at a strict tempo and uses dynamic contrast to enhance the emotion of the music.</p> <p>B. The second example is by a student/amateur and lacks the musicality and attention to detail of the first example. It is accurate with notes and rhythms, but lacks clarity of articulation, the tempo is unsteady and there is no use of dynamics.></p>
Points	Scoring Rubric
2 points	<p>Response includes one musical feature from the professional performance and one explanation of how the student's performance would be changed if the feature was applied to it. Examples may include, but will not be limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dynamic contrast/adds interest and emotion • Articulation/creates style and mood • Tempo/provides stability and allow rhythms accuracy to compliment the style and mood of the music.
1 point	Student identifies one musical feature..
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 of written "I don't know."

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:	Focus on copyright as it applies to legal and responsible use of intellectual property and technology.
DEPTH OF KNOWLEDGE:	Level Two: Skill/Concept
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/
RESPONSE ATTRIBUTES:	See Front Matter

SAMPLE QUESTION:

Sample Question	Which of the following is an example of media in the public domain?
(Selected Response)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. An original composition from 1750* B. A 1995 arrangement of Baroque era music C. A 2005 recording of an original composition from 1750. D. A recording of a public school band performing a 1980 composition
Media	N/A
Correct Answer	A. An original composition from 1750*

BENCHMARK #:	MU.912.H.1.5
BIG IDEA:	Historical and Global Connections
ENDURING UNDERSTANDING:	Through study in the arts, we learn about and honor others and the world in which they live(d)
BENCHMARK:	Analyze music within cultures to gain understanding of authentic performance practices.
CLARIFICATION:	Identify specific performance practices that should be applied to a piece of music in order for the performance to be a genuine representation of the culture.
ITEM TYPES:	SR (Selected Response) / SA (Short Answer)
CONTENT LIMITS:	Cultures may include but are not limited to: North American, Asian, Latin, European, South American, and African.
DEPTH OF KNOWLEDGE:	Level One: Recall
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 (Selected Response)	Which musical genre features improvisation as a common performance practice? A. Chant B. Jazz* C. Opera D. Spiritual
Media	N/A
Correct Answer	A. Jazz*