

Wind Ensemble Syllabus- Christa McAuliffe Middle School

Course Title: Wind Ensemble

Course Description: Grades 7-8

Students are required to be approved by their instructor for this course. 7th and 8th grade students will learn music literacy skills and musicianship through performance on a woodwind, brass or percussion instrument.

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Required Texts/Method Books: Essential Elements for Band, Books 2 (Hal Leonard); I Recommend Band Collection (Belwin)

Instructional Medium: A combination of various apps and websites will be used, including Google Classroom, Flipgrid, Google Meet, Quizlet, Essential Elements Interactive, Loom and more as needed.

Instructional Overview:

<p style="text-align: center;">Quarter 1</p> <p><u>Sound Fundamentals:</u> Review fundamentals as detailed in CB syllabus, students will tune their instruments and be sensitive to tuning in a chord</p> <p><u>Technique:</u> Bb, Eb, F major; G, C, D minor</p> <p><u>Rhythm:</u> Syncopation, sixteenth notes, multiple meters</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Quarter 2</p> <p><u>Sound Fundamentals:</u> Extended range, vibrato introduction, shaping phrases, using contrasting elements to tell a story</p> <p><u>Technique:</u> Bb, Eb, F, Ab and C major scales; moving in sixteenth and triplet figures</p> <p><u>Rhythm:</u> Dotted rhythms and sixteenth subdivisions</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Quarter 3</p> <p><u>Sound Fundamentals:</u> Chromaticism and key changes, warm tone across registers</p> <p><u>Technique:</u> Various major and minor keys work, focus in chromaticism</p> <p><u>Rhythm:</u> Cut Time, compound time, time changes</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Quarter 4</p> <p><u>Sound Fundamentals:</u> Mastery of fundamental tone production across registers</p> <p><u>Technique:</u> extended range chromatic, mastery of fundamental technique</p> <p><u>Rhythm:</u> Mastery of simple, compound and basic complex meter</p>

