

Lutheran Elementary School

Instrumental Instruction (Music)

Elective – Semester – 5-8

Prerequisites: None

Course Description

An instruction on a wind or percussion instrument used as a solo instrument and in various group settings with an emphasis in developing the student's God-given talents.

Course Goals

The Christian teacher will:

1. Help the student become aware of his or her God-given talents in instrumental music.
2. Instruct the student in the basic makeup, care and maintenance of his or her instrument.
3. Teach the student the basics of music notation and reading skills.
4. Create opportunities for writing and arranging music.
5. Facilitate growth opportunities in individual and group learning experiences.
6. Familiarize the student with the role of instruments in a performing ensemble.
7. Expose the student to a variety of musical genres
8. Heighten the student's critical listening skills.
9. Foster in the student good practice habits and self discipline.
10. Help the student prepare for high school music experiences.

Course Objectives

The student should be able to:

1. Grow in relationship with his or her Lord and Savior while gaining insight and understanding of the gift of music and its appropriate use both in sacred and secular context.
2. Understand the make-up and maintenance of his or her instrument.
3. Read and notate music. (WI Music Standard E)
4. Play, alone and with others, a varied repertoire of music. (WI Music Standard B)
5. Use talents to the Glory of God in worship and other performances.
6. Compose and arrange music. (WI Music Standard D)
7. Analyze and describe music. (WI Music Standard F)
8. Apply knowledge and concepts learned to new music encountered in the future.

Course Outline

1. Students will be taught on an individual basis for proficiency at their own pace.
2. Students will receive training in a large group setting to prepare for performances with Lancer Band, Sabre Band and Marching Band.
3. Students will receive training in solo and small group settings to prepare for the Science and Fine Arts Fair and the WSMA Solo and Ensemble Competition.

Instructional Strategies

1. One 15 minute lesson each week (30 per school year) at the student's school.
2. Group rehearsals at Luther High School on selected Fridays to prepare for concerts.
3. Small ensemble rehearsals as necessary for competitions, concerts or other performances.
4. Teaching methods include modeling both vocally and with instruments, demonstration of techniques, and hands-on experimentation.

Grading Methods

Weekly progress will be documented and assessed to be sent home to parents quarterly.

Student Materials

Standard of Excellence lesson books will be used for individual study. Solo and small ensemble literature will be used for individual and small group performances. Full band arrangements will be provided for large group performances.

Classroom Procedures

1. Rehearsals begin promptly at the designated time.
2. Any students who will miss a rehearsal or performance must notify the director in advance.
3. Be sure to have all of the necessary supplies that may be needed in the band room during rehearsal. Every student should have a pencil. Other items may include valve or slide oil or extra reeds.

Additional Information

More information about the Lutheran Elementary School (LES) Band Program can be found in the LES Band Program Guide. Each family will receive a copy of this guide at the beginning of each school year and is asked to return the last page by the third week of lessons.

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