## Opportunity-to-Learn Standards as Needs Assessment Checklist

## Ensembles (Elementary and Secondary Grades)

| Curriculum and Scheduling |  |  |  |  |  |
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|  | Basic | Check if <br> Present for your Program | Quality | Check if Present for your Program | Notes |
| Curriculum | 1. The curriculum emphasizes the Performing process but also provides experiences in Responding and Creating to enable students to understand these two processes and their components, allowing them to transfer what they have learned in the area of Performing. Instruction is available for chorus, band, and orchestra. <br> 2. Instruction is available for at least one alternative performing organization or emerging ensemble (e.g., jazz or stage band, madrigal singers) for each 450 students |  | 1. In addition to the instruction available at the basic level, instruction is available for at least one alternative performing organization or emerging ensemble for each 450 students in the school. <br> 2. When enrollment justifies, the school offers at least two bands, two orchestras, and two choruses, differentiated by the experience or age level of the members, or, in the case of choruses, by their composition (such as treble voices, lower voices, mixed voices). <br> 3. Students are offered small group instruction with a focus on improvisation. |  |  |


|  | in the school. <br> 3. Instruction on string <br> instruments begins no later <br> than grade 4, and instruction <br> on wind and percussion <br> instruments begins no later <br> than grade 5. <br> 4. Where ensemble students <br> are not able to take General <br> Music classes, the curriculum <br> in the ensemble adequately <br> covers all three artistic <br> processes (Creating, <br> Performing, and Responding). |  |  |  |  |
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|  | or to suggest an emphasis on entertainment rather than education. <br> 2. Instruction in ensembles is provided to students in durations commensurate with other core academic subject areas: <br> * Every effort is made to avoid scheduling singlesection courses in music against single-section courses in other subjects. <br> * Scheduling is arranged so that all members of each ensemble can meet as a unit during the school day. <br> 3. For Elementary through Middle School grades, the inclusion of ensemble experiences is not scheduled to routinely pull students from General Music classes. |  |  |  |  |
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| Staffing |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Teacher Qualifications \& Load | 1. Instruction is provided by Highly Qualified/certified music teachers who have received formal training (including inservice training) in the ensemble taught. <br> 2. An accompanist is provided |  | 1. An accompanist is provided for choral ensembles of 16 or more students. |  |  |


|  | for choral ensembles of more than fifty students. |  |  |  |  |
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| Professional Development \& Evaluation | 1. Teachers have regular access to professional development materials and experiences in their performance area, including online NAfME resources. |  |  |  |  |
| Materials \& Equipment |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Instruments | 1. Instruments are provided where students have difficulty in purchasing instruments due to financial hardship. <br> 2. The following are provided in sufficient quantity: <br> * Elementary Strings: appropriately sized violas, cellos, double basses. <br> * Middle School Strings:14, $151 / 2$ and 16 inch violas, $1 / 2$, $3 / 4$ size and full-size cellos, $1 / 4,1 / 2$ size, and $3 / 4$ size double basses. <br> * Middle School Band: C piccolos, bass clarinets, tenor saxophones, baritone saxophones, oboes, bassoons, double French horns, baritone horns, tubas, concert snare drums, pedal |  | 1. In addition to the instruments available at the basic level, Specific additions for a jazz program will include a Soprano Sax, a Bari Sax with a low "A" key, and Flugelhorns. A vocal jazz program will include individual dynamic handheld microphones for all members of the ensemble, as well as a sound system with sufficient inputs for the ensemble. <br> 2. There are funds available to purchase several higher quality instruments (college level) for advanced students. | $\square$ |  |


| timpani, concert bass drums, crash cymbals, suspended cymbals, tambourines, triangles, xylophones and marimbas, orchestral bells, assorted percussion equipment. <br> * Middle School Jazz Ensemble: in addition to listings for Middle School Band, baritone sax, electric bass with amplifier, trap set. * High School Strings: same as Middle School Strings. <br> * High School Jazz Ensemble: in addition to listings for Middle School Jazz Ensemble, bass trombone. <br> * High School Band: in addition to listings for Middle School Band, E-flat clarinets, A clarinets, alto clarinets, contrabass clarinets, bass trombones. <br> * Emerging Ensembles: guitars, drums, pans, as appropriate for the ensemble. <br> 3. Instruments are maintained in good repair, with pianos tuned at least three times each year. An annual budget is provided for repair and maintenance of instruments equal to at least 5 percent of the current replacement value of the |  |  |  |  |
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|  |  | total inventory of instruments <br> and equipment. |  |  |  |
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| Accessories | 1. The following are provided <br> in sufficient quantity: <br> * All level ensembles <br> (generally): conductors' <br> stands, tuning devices, music <br> folders, chairs designed for <br> music classes. <br> * Middle/High School Band: <br> drum stands, movable <br> percussion cabinets, tuba <br> chairs, bass stools. <br> * Middle/High School Chorus: <br> a set of portable choral risers <br> is conveniently available to <br> every room in which choral <br> music is taught. | 1. In addition to the accessories <br> available at the basic level, the <br> following are provided: <br> *A portable PA system <br> w/sufficient microphones for <br> soloists and/or groups. <br> *A complete set of specialized <br> mutes for brass players <br> including harmon, pixie, <br> plunger, and bucket mutes. |  |  |  |


|  | (which may draw on a library <br> shared with other schools in <br> the district) library contains: <br> *For Elementary ensembles: <br> at least forty titles for each <br> type of group. At least five <br> titles for each type of group <br> are added each year. <br> * For Middle School or High <br> School ensembles: at least <br> seventy-five titles for each <br> type of group. At least five <br> titles for each type of group <br> are added each year. <br> 2. The school library or <br> resource center contains a <br> variety of music-related <br> books (for which virtual <br> access is permissible) and <br> other print, audio, video, and <br> computer materials. <br> 3. An annual budget is <br> provided for supplies <br> including recordings or <br> downloads, computer media, <br> and other special supplies, <br> materials, and equipment <br> needed for the teaching of <br> the music curriculum. |  |  |  |
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| Technology | 1. In every school the following are available for use in music instruction: computers and appropriate software, including notation, sequencing, and audio editing software; printers, audio and video input and output devices, electronic keyboards. Technology is available to support student assessment strategies adopted by the school or district. |  | 1. Each ensemble has available at least one electronic version of key ensemble instruments (e.g., electric violin, MIDI wind controller, electric guitar) so that students can gain experience with these instruments. <br> 2. Teachers have quality projectors and/or interactive boards. |  |  |
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| Facilities |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Basic | Check if Present for your Program | Quality | Check if Present for your Program | Notes |
|  | 1. Instrumental rehearsal rooms contain at least 1,800 sq. ft. of floor space, with a ceiling at least 16 feet high and a double-entry door. Ventilation provides an airexchange rate double that of an ordinary classroom. <br> 2. Choral rehearsal rooms contain at least 1,200 sq. ft. of floor space, with a ceiling at least 14 feet high and a double-entry door. <br> 3. Each school contains at least one practice room of at least 55 square feet for each 40 students enrolled in performing groups. | $\square$ | 1. Instrumental rehearsal rooms contain at least $2,500 \mathrm{sq}$. ft . of floor space, with a ceiling at least 20 feet high and a doubleentry door. Ventilation provides an air-exchange rate double that of an ordinary classroom. <br> 2. Choral rehearsal rooms contain at least $1,800 \mathrm{sq}$. ft . of floor space, with a ceiling at least 16 feet high and a doubleentry door. <br> 3. Each school contains at least one practice room of at least 55 square feet for each 20 students enrolled in performing groups. |  |  |


|  | 4. Office or studio space is <br> provided to each music <br> educator adjacent to the <br> instructional area in which <br> the educator teaches, with <br> convenient access to a <br> telephone and internet- <br> connected computer. <br> 5. Space is available for the <br> repair and maintenance of <br> instruments. This space has <br> convenient access to running <br> water. <br> 6. Sufficient secured storage <br> space is available to store <br> instruments, equipment, and <br> instructional materials. <br> Cabinets and shelving are <br> provided, as well as lockers <br> quality performance venues at <br> least once a year to enable <br> them to present academic <br> accomplishments to the public. <br> in the storage of instruments use. This space is <br> immediately adjacent to the <br> rehearsal facilities. | $\square$ | $\square$ |  | $\square$ |
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## Composition/Theory

| Curriculum and Scheduling |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Curriculum | 1. The curriculum includes experiences in creating music and in common-practice music theory. <br> Notwithstanding the fact that this strand is oriented most closely to Creating, both Performing and Responding experiences form part of the curriculum. | $1$ | 1. In addition to common practice theory, an introduction to song writing, jazz-harmony, counterpoint and/or set theory and/or posttonal analysis are included. Units on electronic instrument creation and design, and computer programing of electronic instruments, and sound design are included. |  |  |
| Scheduling | 1. The schedule for composition and theory classes is equivalent to that for other academic subjects in the school. <br> 2. The class size of composition and theory classes does not exceed the average for other academic classes in the school. |  |  |  |  |
| Staffing |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Teacher <br>  <br> Load | 1. Instruction is provided by <br> Highly Qualified/certified <br> music teachers who have <br> received formal training <br> (including inservice training) <br> in music theory and <br> composition. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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|  | multimedia-ready, internetcapable computers with audio and video in/out capability, General MIDI sound generation, quality powered speakers and USB/firewire and/or Thunderbolt accessible, preferably with a CD/DVD player/Recorder which is attached to a projection device. |  |  |  |  |
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| Facilities |  |  |  |  |  |
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|  | 1. Students have access to performance spaces on a regular basis to enable them to present their compositions. <br> 2. The room with computers, speakers, keyboards etc. is sound proofed to allow students to play back compositions with large dynamic ranges without disturbing other teachers. Likewise, the soundproofing will prevent outside noise from bleeding in. |  | 1. Students have access to high-quality performance venues at least once a year to enable them to present their compositions to the public. |  |  |

## Guitar/Keyboard/Harmonizing Instruments (Elementary and Secondary Grades) ${ }^{1}$

| Curriculum and Scheduling |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Curriculum | 1. The curriculum includes experience in creating, performing, and responding as specified in the Standards strand on Guitar/Keyboard. |  |  |  |  |
| Scheduling | 1. The schedule for Guitar/Keyboard classes is equivalent to that for other academic subjects in the school. <br> 2. The class size of Guitar/Keyboard classes does not exceed the average for other academic classes in the school. |  | 1. Scheduling offers multi-level guitar class/ensemble options. 2. Scheduling allows for classes to be ability based. |  |  |
| Staffing |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Basic | Check if Present for your Program | Quality | Check if Present for your Program | Notes |
| Teacher Qualifications \& Load | 1. Instruction is provided by Highly Qualified/Certified music teachers who have received formal training (including inservice training) |  |  |  |  |

[^0]|  | in the harmonizing instruments. |  |  |  |  |
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| Professional Development \& Evaluation | 1. Teachers have regular access to professional development materials and experiences in teaching Guitar/Keyboard, including online NAfME resources. |  |  |  |  |
| Materials \& Equipment |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Basic | Check if <br> Present <br> for your <br> Program | Quality | Check if <br> Present <br> for your <br> Program | Notes |
| Instruments | 1. There is a sufficient number of guitars/Keyboards or other harmonizing instruments such that all students can be simultaneously engaged in making music. |  | 1. Tablet devices are available for use as a musical instrument |  |  |
| Accessories | 1. The following are provided in sufficient quantity: music stands, tuning devices, music folders, chairs designed for music classes, safe guitar stands. <br> 2. There is sufficient annual budget, amounting to $5 \%$ of inventory value, for strings and repairs to district-owned instruments. |  | 1. Multiple method books are made available. <br> 2. There is sufficient annual budget, amounting to greater than 5 percent of inventory value, for strings and repairs to district-owned instruments. |  |  |
| Content | 1. A library of music is provided that is sufficient to |  | 1. The library is budgeted to provide for twenty new titles |  |  |


|  | provide a folder of music for each student in the class. The library contains no materials produced in violation of copyright laws. The music library contains at least forty titles (which may be in anthologies), representing various styles and genres and appropriate to the instruments used. |  | each year depending on the number of performances that are expected. |  |  |
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| Technology | 1. In every school the following are available for use in music instruction: computers and appropriate software, including notation, sequencing, and audio editing software; printers, audio and video input and output devices, electronic keyboards. |  | 1. Students should have access to software that do assessments such as Music Prodigy or Smart Music as well as creative software tools like Garage Band or Band in the Box. Classroom should have a sound system and a way to amplify instruments if necessary. |  |  |
| Facilities |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Basic | Check if <br> Present <br> for your <br> Program | Quality | Check if <br> Present for your Program | Notes |
|  | 1. Students have access to performance spaces on a regular basis to enable them to present their accomplishments. <br> 2. The school has both rehearsal and performance space adequate to the needs of the instruments used (e.g., allowing for student seating |  | 1. Students have access to highquality performance venues at least once a year to enable them to present academic accomplishments to the public. |  |  |

## Technology

| Curriculum and Scheduling |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Curriculum | 1. The curriculum includes experience in creating, performing, and responding to music using digital and analog technologies. |  |  |  |  |
| Scheduling | 1. The schedule for music technology classes is equivalent to that for other academic subjects in the school. <br> 2. The class size of music technology classes does not exceed the average for other academic classes in the school. |  |  |  |  |
| Staffing |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Basic | Check if Present for your Program | Quality | Check if <br> Present for your Program | Notes |


| Teacher <br> Qualifications <br> \& Load | 1. Instruction is provided by <br> Highly Qualified/Certified <br> music teachers who have <br> received formal training <br> (including in-service training) <br> in music technology. |  |  |  |  |  |
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|  | 3. Personal amplification system for teacher (e.g., red cat). | $\square$ |  |  |  |
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| Content | 1. A library of software is provided that is sufficient to provide a license for each student in the class. The library contains software for sequencing, notation, and audio and video editing. |  | 1. At least five titles are updated/upgraded or added to the library each year. |  |  |
| Technology | 1. In every school the following are available for use in music instruction: computers and appropriate software, including notation, sequencing, and audio editing software; printers, audio and video input and output devices, electronic keyboards. <br> 2. Access is provided to a building laptop cart or iPad cart. |  | 1. Access is provided to online composition and notation sites for sharing and collaborative composition. |  |  |
| Facilities |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Basic | Check if Present for your Program | Quality | Check if Present for your Program | Notes |
|  | 1. Students have access to performance spaces with appropriate sound reproduction equipment on a regular basis to enable them to present their accomplishments. |  | 1. Students have access to high-quality performance venues at least once a year to enable them to present academic accomplishments to the public. |  |  |

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[^0]:    ${ }^{1}$ Also applies to classes in other harmonizing instruments, e.g., ukulele, dulcimer)

