

DOWNEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
Middle School Course Outline

Course Title: Exploratory Music (Six Weeks)

Grade Level: 6

Prerequisites: None

Course Description:

Exploratory Music provides students a variety of musical activities which includes reading, listening, and analyzing music. Upon completion of this course, students will possess a strong background of basic music skills. Students will be encouraged to continue their study of music, both choral and instrumental, in the following years of their schooling.

Student Performance

Objectives for this

Course:

Students will:

1. examine the four main families of instruments (strings, woodwinds, brass, and percussion) through reading material and discussion after demonstration by teacher.
2. identify aurally individual instruments through listening examples provided by the teacher.
3. learn basic rhythm and notes of staff (recorder, voice, guitar, etc.) as provided and demonstrated by the teacher.
4. survey at least two or more periods of music (Renaissance, Baroque, Classical, Romantic, 20th Century).
5. discuss the tone, color, tempo, dynamics of the musical examples provided to the satisfaction of the teacher.
6. write a "mini" report of an instrument, a composer, or performance (live or recorded) outside of the classroom.

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Instructional Strategies

Demonstration of instruments
Written materials
Recordings
Music

Instructional Units

Weeks	Unit
2	Identify basic notes values and rhythms - Lecture /Demonstration
2	Instrument Families - Reading materials/demonstrations
2	Music Appreciation/History - Listening examples
<hr/> 6	Total

Evaluation

Student progress will be evaluated by:

Teacher observation
Teacher evaluation
Tests/quizzes
Class participation