Goals of Learning

National Arts Standard(s)

Anchor Standard 4: Analyze the structure and context of varied musical works and their implications for performance.

(MU:Pr4.2.5a) – Demonstrate understanding of the structure and the elements of music (such as rhythm, pitch, form, and harmony) in music selected for performance.

Anchor Standard 5: - Evaluate and refine personal and ensemble performances, individually or in collaboration with others.

(MU:Pr5.1.4a) - Apply teacher-provided and established criteria and feedback to evaluated the accuracy and expressiveness of ensemble and personal performances.

Anchor Standard 6: Perform expressively, with appropriate interpretation and technical accuracy, and in a manner appropriate to the audience and context.

(MU:Pr6.1.5a) - Perform music, alone or with otihers, with expression, technical accuracy and appropriate interpretation.

Enduring Understanding(s)

Analyzing creators' context and how they manipulate elements of music provides insight into their intent and informs performance.

To express their musical ideas, musicians analyze, evaluate, and refine their performance over time through openness to new ideas, persistence, and the application of appropriate criteria.

Musicians judge performance based on criteria that vary across time, place, and cultures

Essential Question(s):

How does understanding the structure and context of musical works inform performance?

How do musicians improve the quality of their performance?

When is a performance judged ready to present?

Content

What they need to know?

- Vocal techniques
- The elements of music
- Musical symbols including rhythmic notation
- Solfege syllables (pentatonic)
- Time signatures (2/4, 3/4, 6/8, 4/4)
- How to follow their vocal part

Skills

What they need to be able to do?

- Sing accurately with good breath control, expression and technical accuracy)
- Sing music in unison/harmony
- Respond to the cues of a conductor
- Recognize musical symbols
- Follow their vocal part

Critical Vocabulary: Posture, breath support, tone quality, diction, Solfege, voice parts, dynamics, expression pitch, rhythm, meter, tempo, melody, harmony, accompaniment, a cappella, form

Evidence of Learning

Performance Task(s):

- Performing in solos/small groups in class a varied repertoire of rhythmic and melodic patterns
- Perform at Winter and Spring Concerts

Other forms of assessment(s):

- Observations
- Informal checks for understanding
- Dialogues and discussion
- Group performance
- Self/Peer Assessment