**MSAD #54 Music Curriculum**

Content Area: Music Theory Through Guitar I & II  
Unit: Disciplinary Literacy  
Grade: 9-12 Guitar  
MLR Span: 9 - 12

MLR Content Standard: **A: Disciplinary Literacy – Music**  
Students show literacy in the discipline by understanding and demonstrating concepts, skills, terminology, and processes.

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| **Music Difficulty**   | 1. Students perform music that requires well-developed technical skills, attention to phrasing and interpretation, and the ability to perform various meters and rhythms in a variety of keys while modeling proper posture and techniques, alone or with others. | Students will:  
1. learn to tune a guitar.  
2. learn notes on each string.  
3. learn chords, accompaniment and melodies.  
4. play songs in progressive order of difficulty.  
2. Jerry Snyder’s Guitar School |
| **Notation and Terminology** | 2. Students apply accumulated knowledge of musical notation, symbols, and terminology to perform music with greater complexity and variation including sudden dynamic contrasts. | Students will:  
1. develop an understanding of music fundamentals and theory.  
2. learn to read music notation, chord frames, and tablature. | 1. Hal Leonard Guitar Method  
2. Jerry Snyder’s Guitar School |
| Listening and Describing | 3. Students listen to, analyze, and evaluate music using their understanding of pitch, rhythm, tempo, dynamics, form, timbre, texture, harmony, style, and compound meter. | Students will: 1. play along with the CD included with the method books. 2. bring music for class to share, analyze, and evaluate. 3. perform for each other in class and public performances. | 1. CD Player 2. CDs of Guitar Performances in a variety of styles and genres 3. Accomplished guitarists visit/perform for class |
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Content Area: Music Theory Through Guitar I & II  
Unit: Creation/Expression  
Grade: 9-12 Guitar  
MLR Span: 9 - 12

MLR Content Standard: **B: Creation, Performance, and Expression**  
Students create, perform, and express through the art discipline.

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| Style/Genre         | 1. Students perform music of various styles and genres that requires well-developed technical skills, attention to phrasing and interpretation and various meters and rhythms in a variety of keys, accurately applying the accumulated knowledge and skills of: proper posture and technique; musical notation; symbols; and terminology. | Students will:  
1. play a variety of styles including 12 Bar Blues, Pop, Rock, Folk, Swing, multicultural.  
2. utilize a variety of finger-style drills such as chords and arpeggios.  
3. utilize various pick-style strums including pop, blues, ballad, and jazz. | 1. Hal Leonard Guitar Method  
2. Jerry Snyder’s Guitar School |
| Composition         | 2. Students analyze and evaluate musical ideas expressed in their own compositions or the compositions of others. | Students will:  
1. utilize knowledge of music fundamentals and theory to compose pieces for themselves and others to perform and hear. | 1. Staff paper, tablature paper, frame paper  
2. Perform original compositions for the class. |
### MSAD #54 Music Curriculum

Content Area: Music Theory Through Guitar I & II  
Grade: 9-12 Guitar  
Unit: Problem Solving  
MLR Span: 9 - 12

MLR Content Standard: **C: Creative Problem Solving**  
Students approach artistic problem-solving using multiple solutions and the creative process.

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|                                 | 1. Students apply and analyze creative problem-solving and creative-thinking skills to improve or vary their own work and/or the work of others. | Students will:  
1. present two coffee house performances, one per semester.  
2. choose pieces that are ability appropriate and appealing to the audience.  
3. plan the program as a group, keeping in mind the variety of selections, their tempos, styles, similarities, and contrasts. | 1. Classtime to practice performance pieces  
2. Classtime to plan and practice pieces for performance.  
3. Classtime to discuss the performance pieces and to decide the program order based on the music. |
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**Content Area:** Music Theory Through Guitar I & II  
**Grade:** 9-12 Guitar  
**Unit:** Aesthetics  
**MLR Span:** 9 - 12

**MLR Content Standard:** **D: Aesthetics and Criticism**  
Students describe, analyze, interpret, and evaluate art (dance, music, theatre, and visual arts).

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<td><strong>Aesthetics and Criticism</strong></td>
<td>Students will:</td>
<td>1. Recordings of various compositional forms.</td>
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<td>1. Students analyze and evaluate art forms.</td>
<td>1. be able to identify different styles.</td>
<td>2. Various method books, musical literature, and recordings</td>
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<td>a. Describe, analyze, interpret, and evaluate art forms by applying grade span appropriate arts concepts, vocabulary, skills and processes as referenced in <strong>Standard A: Disciplinary Literacy</strong>.</td>
<td>2. understand the form of pieces being studied (i.e., verse, refrain, blues, etc.).</td>
<td>3. Compare works of art to musical compositions of the corresponding period and/or style</td>
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<td>b. Analyze and evaluate varied interpretations of works of art using evidence from observations and a variety of print and non-print sources.</td>
<td>3. be able to relate music to art in the areas of form and style.</td>
<td>4. Collaborate with the art teacher</td>
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<td>c. Demonstrate an understanding of the difference between a personal opinion and an informed judgment.</td>
<td>4. show works of art that correspond with the periods of music represented in repertoire.</td>
<td>5. Assign a research project on a composer</td>
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<td>d. Research and explain how art and artists reflect and shape their time and culture.</td>
<td>5. research a composer and explain their influence on their time period and culture.</td>
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**Content Area:** Music Theory Through Guitar I & II  
**Unit:** Connections  
**Grade:** 9-12 Guitar  
**MLR Span:** 9 - 12

#### MLR Content Standard: **E: Visual and Performing Arts Connections**

Students understand the relationship among the arts, history, and world culture; and they make connections among the arts and to other disciplines, to goal-setting, and to interpersonal interaction.

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<td><strong>The Arts and History and World Culture</strong></td>
<td>1. Students analyze the characteristics and purposes of products of the visual/performing arts to understand history and/or world cultures.</td>
<td>Students will: 1. be able to relate music styles to the periods in history (i.e., American Pop Music, Classical, Jazz, Folk, etc.).</td>
<td>1. Show videos of a variety of styles</td>
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<td><strong>The Arts and Other Disciplines</strong></td>
<td>2. Students analyze skills and concepts that are similar across disciplines.</td>
<td>Students will: 1. be able to relate guitar music to dance, vocal and instrumental music from other cultures, periods and content areas.</td>
<td>2. Perform many styles of music from a variety of cultures and periods.</td>
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<td><strong>Goal Setting</strong></td>
<td>3. Students make short-term and long-term goals related time management, interpersonal interactions, or skill development that will lead to success in the arts.</td>
<td>Students will: 1. work on a variety of music in a range of ability levels. 2. manage class practice time to gain mastery on basic skills and level appropriate repertoire. 3. be involved in planning two coffee performances.</td>
<td>1. Integrate music into other content areas such as social studies, art, dance, and theater.</td>
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<td><strong>Impact of the Arts on Lifestyle and Career</strong></td>
<td>4. Students explain how their knowledge of the arts relates to school-to-school life.</td>
<td>Students will: 1. perform age-appropriate music for elementary and/or secondary students.</td>
<td>1. Students prepare music for elementary and/or secondary students. 2. Students plan coffee house program collaboratively. 3. Students help set up stage, PA equipment, decorate and provide food for coffee houses.</td>
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| **Interpersonal Skills** | School and school-to-work transitions and other career and life decisions including the recognition that the arts are a means of renewal and recreation. | Middle school students.  
2. Perform in coffee houses.  
3. Perform in community events. | Middle school students.  
2. Work in conjunction with the music boosters to create a “coffee house” in the SAHS cafeteria.  
3. Perform in nursing homes and other community venues. |
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| 5. Students demonstrate positive interpersonal skills and reflect on the impact of interpersonal skills on personal success in the arts. | Students will:  
1. Collaborate on class projects.  
2. Appreciate each other’s strengths and areas to focus/improve upon.  
3. Plan activities/performances collaboratively.  
4. Work through conflicts by talking & listening to each other.  
5. Learn proper terminology with which to comment on others’ performances.  
6. Understand that their actions, either passive or negative, impact not only themselves but others in the class and to acknowledge when this occurs.  
7. Demonstrate knowledge of appropriate interactions, mutual respect and making good choices. | 1. Work together on class activities, projects, and performances.  
2. Provide opportunities for students to interact positively.  
3. Provide planning time in class.  
4. Students will be expected to treat everyone and everything with respect.  
5. Allow students to express feedback, constructively utilizing musical terminology.  
6. Demonstrate that personal behavior impacts all aspects of the classroom environment.  
7. Instill an atmosphere of mutual respect and cooperation as well as the |
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<td>h. Following established rules/etiquette for observing/listening to art</td>
<td>8. Demonstrate/explain concert etiquette as it applies in various performance venues.</td>
<td>importance of “doing the right thing.”</td>
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<td>i. Demonstrating safe behavior</td>
<td>9. Adhere to rules and expectations for rehearsals.</td>
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<td>8. Discuss concert etiquette in class as it applies to various performance venues.</td>
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<td>9. Outline clear classroom expectations and enforce daily.</td>
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