

Musicking Rubric (Grade 7)

Student: _____

Assignment: _____

Date: _____

Core Music Standard/Skill	Novice	Intermediate	Total
Creating	Motivic creations reflect characteristics of music studied. Motivic ideas are recorded in both print and audio. Creations are developed to match a particular studied style and teacher-provided criteria. Ideas are shared with others and performed with technical skill.	Melodies and rhythmic creations reflect characteristics of music studied. Rhythmic melodies are recorded in both print and audio. Creations are developed with other students. Ideas are shared with others and performed with technical skill.	
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Performing	Music is selected based on interest, music reading skills, technical skill and context. Students justifies selections based on formal aspects of the music, and can identify expressive qualities of the music. Student is self-reflective and use peer feedback to improve performances. Student demonstrates attention to technical accuracy and expressive qualities, and is aware of the physical context of performances.	Music is selected based on interest, music reading skills, technical skill, formal design and context. Student justifies selections based on the setting of their original creation and expressive contribution to a specific context. Student develops strategies to address technical challenges based on self-reflection and peer feedback. Student demonstrates attention to technical accuracy and expressive qualities representing diverse styles, and shows understanding of physical contexts of performances.	
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Responding	Student identifies reasons performers select music based on characteristics in the music, connection to interest, purpose and context. Student identifies how context, repetition, and similarities and contrasts inform the response to music. Student interprets expressive intent referring to elements of music, context and setting of the text. Student describes the combined effects of interest, experience, analysis and context on the audience response.	Student explains reasons for musical selections citing characteristics in music and connection to interest, purpose and context. Student describes how context and manipulations of the elements of music inform the audience response. Student identifies and supports interpretations of expressive intent citing as evidence treatment of elements of music, context and setting of the text. Student explains the influence of experience, analysis and context on interest in and response to music.	
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Rhythm	Student is able to read and perform with consistent accuracy rhythms that include whole, half, quarter and eighth notes and their rests. Student is also able to play and count rhythms with consistent accuracy in common time signatures. Student can count and perform simple syncopations.	Student is able to read and perform with consistent accuracy rhythms that include whole, half, quarter, eighth and sixteenth notes and their rests, along with dotted rhythms up to and including dotted quarter notes and rests and eighth-note triplets. Student is also able to play and count rhythms with consistent accuracy in common, 2-4 and 3-4 time signatures. Student can count and perform extended syncopations.	
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Pitch Accuracy and Intonation	Student is able to play all chromatic pitches within the range of one octave of the Concert B-flat scale. Students is also able to perform the Concert B-flat, E-flat and F Major scales with arpeggios consistently and accurately. Student is able to play generally within 25 cents (or a quarter-tone) of intonation consistently, and is able to identify when unison pitches are out of tune.	Student is able to play all chromatic pitches within the range of at least two octaves anywhere on their instrument, and one octave at 160 bpm. Student is also able to perform the Concert C Major and A-flat Major scales with arpeggios consistently and accurately. Student is able to play generally within 15 cents of intonation consistently, and is able to identify when unison and intervals of fourths and fifths are out of tune, and correct unison intonation.	
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Tone Quality and Technique	Student uses proper posture, embouchure and fingerings to achieve a steady tone quality across the range of a single octave. Student plays with consistent technique, and works to achieve relaxed and efficient fingerings. Student controls breathing when indicated in notation.	Student uses proper posture, embouchure and fingerings to achieve a steady, centered tone quality across all known scales. Student plays with consistent, relaxed and efficient technique and works to achieve precision in tone production. Student plans breathing, and is able to control air intake consistently.	
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Tempo	Student understands and can perform Andante, Moderato and Allegro tempos.	Student understands and can perform Largo, Adagio, Andante, Moderato, Allegro, Vivace and Presto tempos as well as ritardandos and other decelerandi.	
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Style	Student is familiar with and can perform concert band styles and pop music styles.	Student is familiar with and can perform concert band, pop music, rock, musical theatre and jazz styles.	
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Articulation	Student is able to tongue using a single technique. Student is also able to read slurs, tongued and staccato articulations and perform them consistently and differentially.	Student is able to tongue using predominantly a single technique, but explores tone production with varying techniques. Student is also able to read slurs, tongued-notes, staccatos, accents, marcato and tenutos, and perform them consistently and differentially.	
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Dynamics	Student is able to read and perform consistently piano, mezzo-forte and forte dynamic markings with full air support. Student's dynamic range is 20 decibels.	Student is able to read and perform consistently pianissimo, piano, mezzo-piano, mezzo-forte and forte dynamic markings with full air support, as well as crescendi and decrescendi across single dynamic differences. Student's dynamic range is 30 decibels.	
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Collaboration	Student shares musical ideas and listens to others' musical ideas. Student ensures each collaborator is heard equally.	Student shares musical ideas and listens to others' musical ideas. Student comes to an equal agreement with collaborators as to the intended outcome of the collaboration.	
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TOTAL FOR THIS ASSESSMENT

Content of this rubric adapted from the Core Music Standards.

National Association for Music Education. (2014). Core Music Standards. Retrieved April 6, 2015, from NAFME National Association for Music Education: <http://www.nafme.org/my-classroom/standards/core-music-standards/>

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