## Shrewsbury Borough School Visual and Performing Arts Curriculum 2012 Music Grade 8

Topic 1: Melody	Lessons, Activities, and	Materials:	Assessment:	NJCCCS:
Objectives:	Student Products:  Analyze the melody of a			1.1: The Creative Process: All students
Identify verse, chorus, and bridge melodies.	popular song. Example: Green Day –When I	Music CDs  Music Journals	Song Maps  Journal Entries	will demonstrate an understanding of the
Create melodies constructed around	Come Around.  Create melodies on a	Manuscript paper	Journal Entries	elements and principles that govern the creation of works of art
verse, chorus, and bridge patterns.	guitar or keyboard for a verse and chorus.	Guitars and keyboards		in music. 1.1.8.B.2: Compare
				and contrast the use of structural forms and
<b>Essential Questions:</b>				the manipulation of the elements of music in
How can verse, chorus and bridge be used to create melodies?				diverse styles and genres of musical compositions.
				1.1.8.B.1: Analyze the application of the elements of music in diverse Western and
				non-Western musical works from different historical eras using
				active listening and by reading and interpreting written scores.

		1.3: All students will synthesize those skills, media, methods, and technologies appropriate to creating, performing, and presenting works of art in music.  1.3.8.B.2: Perform independently and in groups with expressive
		qualities appropriately aligned with the stylistic characteristics of the genre.

Topic 2: Harmony	Lessons, Activities, and Student Products:	Materials:	Assessments:	NJCCCS:
Gain an understanding of chord progressions.  Improvise using a blues scale.  Essential Questions:  What skills are needed to be able to improvise using a blues scale?  How can chord progressions be recognized?	Analyze the chord progression of a simple popular song using a fake book and a major scale.  Using a one-octave blues scale, improvise over the 12-bar blues chord progression.	Guitar and keyboards  Manuscript paper  Music journals  Fake book – popular song	Journal entry of popular song analysis  Performance rubric – blues scale improvisation.	1.4: All students will demonstrate and apply an understanding of arts philosophies, judgment, and analysis to works of music.  1.4.8.A.3: Distinguish among artistic styles, trends, and movements in dance, music, theatre, and visual art within diverse cultures and historical eras.  1.3: All students will synthesize those skills, media, methods, and technologies appropriate to creating, performing, and presenting works of art in music.  1.3.8.B.2: Perform independently and in groups with expressive qualities appropriately aligned with the stylistic characteristics of the genre.

<b>Topic 4: Tone Color</b>	Lessons, Activities, and Student Products:	Materials:	Assessments:	NJCCCS:
Objectives:  Explore dramatic possibilities of instruments.  Use GarageBand on the MAC to design a composition using instrument loops.  Essential Questions:  How can dramatic possibilities of instruments be identified and used?	On an instrument, experiment with playing styles to increase dramatic possibilities.  Use GarageBand on the MAC to design a composition using instrument loops.	Guitars and keyboards Apple MAC with GarageBand	Performance rubric	1.3: All students will synthesize those skills, media, methods, and technologies appropriate to creating, performing, and presenting works of art in music.  1.3.8.B.2: Perform independently and in groups with expressive qualities appropriately aligned with the stylistic characteristics of the genre.  1.4: All students will demonstrate and apply an understanding of arts philosophies, judgment, and analysis to works of music.  1.4.8.A.3: Distinguish among artistic styles, trends, and movements in dance, music, theatre, and visual art within diverse cultures and historical eras.

Topic 5: Expression	Lessons, Activities, and Student Products:	Materials:	Assessments:	NJCCCS:
<b>Objectives:</b>				1.1: The Creative
Experience how lyrics are set to music	Using a popular song as an example, students create their own melody	Music CDs	Performance rubric	Process: All students will demonstrate an understanding of the
expressively.	to the lyrics.	Manuscript paper	Lyrics and skit on manuscript paper	elements and principles that govern the
Create varying skits to reflect a variety of music styles.	In small groups, students create and perform a skit to a popular			creation of works of art in music. 1.1.8.B.1: Analyze the
	composition. Classroom peers guess the story or			application of the elements of music in
<b>Essential Questions:</b>	song.			diverse Western and non-Western musical works from different
What needs to be considered when				historical eras using
creating lyrics?				active listening and by
				reading and interpreting written
				scores.
				1.2: All students will understand the role,
				development, and
				influence of the arts throughout history and
				across cultures.
				1.2.8.A.3: Analyze the
				social, historical, and
				political impact of artists on culture and
				the impact of culture
				on the arts.