SKILL	Mechanics	Rhythm Concepts	Tonal Concepts	Equipment
	(Basic Skills for Wind Players) Body Posture Embouchure Breathing Articulation	Reading and Notating Rhythms Notes and Rests Tempo Markings Meter (Time Signature)	Tonal Nomenclature Reading and notating Pitches Staves	Instrument Care Mouthpieces Instrument Parts Assembly/Disassembly Rest Position Reed Care/Supply Stick Supply Valve Oil Cleaning Accessories/Materials Instrument Recognition
	Tone Production Hand/Finger Position Instrument Carriage Fingerings/Slide positions for learned notes/pitches Range Phrasing Dynamics		Clefs Accidentals Key Signature Circle Of Fourths Scales Intonation Tonality	
GRADE 4 YEAR 1	Instruction of Saxophone is not available in Year 1.	Notes and Rests: Whole, Half, and Quarter notes and rests, dotted half notes and eighth notes (repeating and changing): Tempo Markings: Allegro, Moderato, Andante Meter (Time Signature): 4, 3, 4		

Instrument Care GRADE 5 · Body Posture: Sit on edge of chair, feet flat on the floor, straight back, Reinforcement of above skills in addition to the following: Scales: G, F Major (1 octave) relaxed shoulders, head up. Instrument Parts: Notes and Rests: Dotted quarter note, Circle of Fourths: Beginners Row (7 note introduction to the Circle of Mouthpiece YEAR 2 · Embouchure: Bottom lip cover bottom teeth with half of lip showing, single eighth note, eighth rest, syncopation: Fourths) top teeth anchored on top third of mouthpiece, firm lips-using even • Ligature pressure from all sides (like a rubber band around the mouthpiece), Reed with flat chin, no puffy cheeks. Neck · Breathing: Diaphragmatic breathing, inhale through corners of Tempo Markings: Vivace, Largo · Neck Screw Meter (Time Signature): · Articulation: Identify and demonstrate slurs, legato ("du") and Body staccato ("tu") styles of tonguing, and Accents. Keys · Tone Production: On mouthpiece with neck and full instrument, • Bell supported fully with good breath support, embouchure, and correct · Neck Strap execution of articulation. Assembly/Disassembly Hand/Finger Position: Fingers are curved above the keys, Right hand Rest Position thumb under thumb rest between nail and first knuckle, left hand Cleaning thumb positioned between 12 and 3 o'clock to enable "roll" to octave key (no sliding thumb from thumb rest to octave key). Accessories/Materials · Instrument Carriage: Arms are relaxed with elbows away from body, Instrument Recognition instrument angled so that the bell of the instrument falls between the hip and the knee, straight wrists, body/bell of the instrument is on the student's right side, neck strap is properly adjusted to enable proper instrument carriage and posture. • Written Range: D4 - A5 · Phrasing: 4 measure phrases • Dynamics: p, mp, mf, f, Crescendo, Decrescendo (Diminuendo) **GRADE 6** Reinforcement and refinement of above skills in addition to the Reinforcement of above skills in addition to the following: Reinforcement and refinement of above Reinforcement of Above following: skills in addition to the following: Notes and Rests: Sixteenth notes and rests, Instrument Carriage: when size of student allows, the alto saxophone Scales: YEAR 3 single eighth note triplets: may be positioned in front of the student (bell between the legs). Chromatic Scale (1 octave) Written Range: C4 - C5 Major: C, D (2 octaves) Phrasing: 4 measure phrases Circle of Fourths: All Dynamics: pp, ff Tempo Markings: Allegretto Meter (Time Signature): Introduction to Cut Time: **C**

Instrument Specific Performance Outcomes

GRADE 7 YEAR 4	Reinforcement and refinement of above skills in addition to the following: Articulation: Marcato Written Range: B flat 3 – D5 Dynamics: fp, sfz	Reinforcement of above skills in addition to the following: Notes and Rests: Simple combination of sixteenth and eighth notes: Introduction to compound meter Tempo Markings: Meter (Time Signature): Meter (Time Signature): Reinforcement of above skills in addition to the following: Notes and Rests: Simple combination of sixteenth and eighth notes: Notes and Rests: Simple combination of sixteenth and eighth notes: Notes and Rests: Simple combination of sixteenth and eighth notes: Notes and Rests: Simple combination of sixteenth and eighth notes: Notes and Rests: Simple combination of sixteenth and eighth notes: Notes and Rests: Simple combination of sixteenth and eighth notes: Notes and Rests: Simple combination of sixteenth and eighth notes: Notes and Rests: Simple combination of sixteenth and eighth notes: Notes and Rests: Simple combination of sixteenth and eighth notes: Notes and Rests: Simple combination of sixteenth and eighth notes: Notes and Rests: Simple combination of sixteenth and eighth notes: Notes and Rests: Simple combination of sixteenth and eighth notes: Notes and Rests: Simple combination of sixteenth and eighth notes: Notes and Rests: Simple combination of sixteenth and eighth notes: Notes and Rests: Simple combination of sixteenth and eighth notes: Notes and Rests: Simple combination of sixteenth and eighth notes: Notes and Rests: Simple combination of sixteenth and eighth notes: Notes and Rests: Simple combination of sixteenth and eighth notes: Notes and Rests: Simple combination of sixteenth and eighth notes: Notes and Rests: Simple combination of sixteenth and eighth notes: Notes and Rests: Simple combination of sixteenth and eighth notes: Notes and Rests: Simple combination of sixteenth and eighth notes: Notes and Rests: Simple combination of sixteenth and eighth notes: Notes and Rests: Simple combination of sixteenth and eighth notes: Notes and Rests: Simple combination of sixteenth and eighth notes: Notes and Rests: Simple combination of sixteenth and eigh	Reinforcement and refinement of above skills in addition to the following: Scales: Chromatic Scale: G (1 octave) Major: Bb, D (2 octaves) Minor Scales: As needed for performance. Modal Scales: As needed for performance. Dorian Phrygian Lydian Misolydian Aeolian Locrian Innian	Reinforcement of Above
GRADE 8 YEAR 5	Reinforcement and refinement of above skills in addition to the following: Written Range: B flat 3 – E flat 5 Dynamics: ppp, fff	Reinforcement of above skills in addition to the following: Notes and Rests: Complex combination of sixteenth and eighth notes, Compound meter rhythms, Quarter Note Triplets, 16th note triplets: Tempo Markings: Meter (Time Signature): 4, 4, 8, 8	Reinforcement and refinement of above skills in addition to the following: Scales: Chromatic Scale/ Chromatic fingerings Major: B ^b , E ^b _(2 Octtaves) Minor Scales: As needed for performance. Modal Scales: As needed for performance.	Reinforcement of Above

GRADE 9 YEAR 6	Reinforcement and refinement of above skills in addition to the following: Written Range: B flat 3 – E5 Fingerings for learned notes/pitches: Alternate/Chromatic fingerings: Forked F#, Bis Key B flat, Side C, alternate high E and F	Reinforcement of above skills in addition to the following: Notes and Rests: Half Note Triplets, Dot all rhythmic values, Double dotted rhythmic values, various tuplets, poly rhythms, duple eighths in compound meter, 32nd notes: Tempo Markings: Larghetto, Presto, Adagio Meter (Time Signature): 5, 7, 3, all other meters as needed	Reinforcement and refinement of above skills in addition to the following: Scales: Major: E, C#/Db (2 Octaves) A, B, F#/Gb, Ab, G (1 Octave) Chromatic Scale/ Chromatic fingerings Minor Scales: As needed for performance. Modal Scales: As needed for performance.	Reinforcement of Above
GRADE 10 YEAR 7	Reinforcement and refinement of above skills in addition to the following: Written Range: B flat 3 – F5	Reinforcement of above skills in addition to the following: Notes and Rests: 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7	Reinforcement and refinement of above skills in addition to the following: Scales: Chromatic Scale: Full Range of instrument with correct chromatic fingerings) Major Scales: C, G, D, A, E, B, F*/Gb, C*/Db, Ab, Eb, Bb, F Relative Natural Minor Scales Relative Harmonic Minor Scales Relative Melodic Minor Scales Modal Scales: Refine/Introduce additional modes as needed for performance.	Reinforcement of Above
GRADE 11 YEAR 8	Reinforcement and refinement of above skills.	Reinforcement and refinement of above skills.	Reinforcement and refinement of above skills. HONORS STUDENTS: Dorian Phrygian Mixolydian Pentatonic Whole Tone Tone Row	Reinforcement of Above
GRADE 12 YEAR 9	Reinforcement and refinement of above skills.	Reinforcement and refinement of above skills.	48 Scales (2 Octaves)	Reinforcement of Above