East Stroudsburg Area School District Instrumental Music Tuba

SKILL	Mechanics (Basic Skills for Wind Players)	Rhythm Concepts	Tonal Concepts	Equipment
	Body Posture	Reading and Notating Rhythms	Tonal Nomenclature	Instrument Care
	Embouchure	Notes and Rests	Reading and notating	Mouthpieces
	Breathing	Tempo Markings	Pitches	Instrument Parts
	Articulation	Meter (Time Signature)	Staves	Assembly/Disassembly
	Tone Production		Clefs	Rest Position
	Hand/Finger Position		Accidentals	Reed Care/Supply
	Instrument Carriage		Key Signature	Stick Supply
	Fingerings/Slide positions for learned notes/pitches		Circle Of Fourths	Valve Oil
	Range		Scales	Cleaning
	Phrasing		Intonation	Accessories/Materials
	Dynamics		Tonality	Instrument Recognition
GRADE 4 YEAR 1	Instruction of Tuba is not available in Grade 4 or 5.	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		
GRADE 5 YEAR 2	Instruction of Tuba is not available in Grade 4 or 5.	Reinforcement and refinement of above skills in addition to the following: Notes and Rests: Dotted quarter note, single eighth note, eighth rest, syncopation: Tempo Markings: Vivace, Largo		

Instrument Specific Performance Outcomes

GRADE 6 YEAR 3	Body Posture: Sit on edge of chair, feet flat on the floor, straight back, relaxed shoulders, head up. Embouchure: Lips together, teeth apart, jaw aligned, cheeks in, corners tight, mouthpiece centered on lips. Breathing: Diaphragmatic breathing, inhale through corners of mouth. Articulation: Identify and demonstrate slurs (including lip slurs), and legato ("du") and staccato ("tu") styles of tonguing. Tone Production: On mouthpiece and full instrument, supported fully with good breath support, firm embouchure, and correct execution of articulation. Hand/Finger Position: Right hand curved with fingertips on valves, left hand balancing weight of instrument Instrument Carriage: Varies with design Written Range: A Flat 1 – C3 Phrasing: 2 measure phrases Dynamics: f and p	Reinforcement and refinement of above skills in addition to the following: Notes and Rests: Sixteenth notes and rests, single eighth note triplets: Tempo Markings: Allegretto Meter (Time Signature): Introduction to Cut Time:	Scales: Circle of Fourths: Beginners Row (7 note introduction to the Circle of Fourths) Major: B ^b (1 octave)	Instrument Care Mouthpieces Instrument Parts: • Mouthpiece • Lead Pipe • Bell • Main Tuning Slide • Water (Spit) Key • !st, 2nd, 3rd Valves • !st, 2nd, 3rd Valve Slides Assembly/Disassembly Rest Position Valve Oil Cleaning/Maintenance Accessories/Materials Instrument Recognition
GRADE 7 YEAR 4	Reinforcement of above skills in addition to the following: Articulation: Accents Written Range: G 1 - E Flat 3 Dynamics: p, mp, mf, f, Crescendo, Decrescendo (Diminuendo)	Reinforcement and refinement of above skills in addition to the following: Notes and Rests: Simple combination of sixteenth and eighth notes: Tempo Markings: Meter (Time Signature): 8,8, ¢ Introduction to compound meter Reinforce Cut Time	Reinforcement and refinement of above skills in addition to the following: Circle of Fourths: All Scales: Major: Ab (1 octave)	Reinforcement of Above

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GRADE 8 YEAR 5	Reinforcement of above skills in addition to the following: Written Range: F1 – F3 Dynamics: pp, ff	Reinforcement and refinement 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:	Reinforcement and refinement of above skills in addition to the following: Circle of Fourths: All Scales: Chromatic Scale: B ^b 2 – B ^b 3 (1 octave) Major: E ^b (1 octave), F (low - 1 octave) Minor Scales: As needed for performance. Modal Scales: As needed for performance.	Reinforcement of Above
GRADE 9 YEAR 6	Reinforcement of above skills in addition to the following: Articulation: Accents Written Range: E Flat 1 – A Flat 3 Dynamics: fp and sfz Fingerings for learned notes/pitches: Incorporate fourth valve	Reinforcement and refinement 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: Chromatic Scale Major: C, G (1 octave), F (2 octaves) 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: E Flat 1 - B Flat 3 Dynamics: ppp, fff, sfz	Reinforcement and refinement of above skills in addition to the following: Notes and Rests:	Reinforcement and refinement of above skills in addition to the following: Scales: Chromatic Scale Major: B ^b , D ^b (1 octave) Minor Scales: As needed for performance. Modal Scales: as needed for performance. HONORS STUDENTS: • Dorian • Phrygian • Mixolydian • Pentatonic • Whole Tone • Tone Row	Reinforcement of Above

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GRADE 11 YEAR 8	Reinforcement and refinement of above skills in addition to the following: *Articulation: Marcato*	Reinforcement and refinement of above skills	Reinforcement and refinement of above skills in addition to the following:	Reinforcement of Above
	Written Range: E Flat 1 – B Flat 3		Scales:	
	Dynamics: fp		Chromatic Scale: Full Range of instrument.	
	Fingerings for learned notes/pitches: Incorporate fourth valve and left hand		Major: All	
	tuning technique		Minor: Relative Natural, Harmonic, &	
	Articulation: Demonstrate basics of multiple articulations		Melodic	
			Modal: Refine/Introduce additional modes as needed for performance.	
GRADE 12 YEAR 9	Reinforcement and refinement of above skills in addition to the following: Written Range: E Flat 1 – B Flat 3	Reinforcement and refinement of above skills	Reinforcement and refinement of above skillss	Reinforcement of Above