

Stevenson HS Instrumental Music Department: Sectional Practice Assignment

This assignment is intended to get you to think about how well you know the music we play in class and to push yourself to improve! Even the best musicians in the world have passages, sections, and pieces they need to work on to get better. Simply identifying a few places where you could be a little more proficient can make you a much better player!

A. Fill in the information below. Each group needs a leader and a recorder (two separate people).

Section: Leader: Recorder: Date/Hour: _____/_____	List all other section members present: Sectional Location: _____
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B. Fill in the chart below by completing the following steps:

1. Under the caption “Music Selections and Measures”, identify 6 different sections (no less than 2 measures long) of music we are working on in class that you aren’t playing as well as you need to. **Write down all 6 first before you begin to practice!!! YOU MUST MEET FIVE TIMES OR MORE, PRIOR TO OUR CONCERT. NO MORE THAN 2 TIMES PER WEEK IS PERMITTED.**
2. Under “Area of Weakness” list what you need to improve in the section. Example: Rhythm, Notes, Breathing, Articulations, Tone, Intonation, Phrasing, Dynamics, Increased Speed, etc.)
3. Now begin to practice each section you wrote down!!! Remember, don’t just run through it. Strive to break it down into small units so you aren’t just making the same mistakes over and over.
4. After you’ve worked on the problem listed, run through the entire section. **Each time you play it perfectly (or as close as possible) check off a “Times Played Correctly” number.**
5. **Once you’ve crossed out ALL THREE**, mark the “X” box and move onto the next section!

	Music Selection and Measures	Area of Weakness	Times Played Correctly	X
1			___1 ___ 2 ___ 3	
2			___1 ___ 2 ___ 3	
3			___1 ___ 2 ___ 3	
4			___1 ___ 2 ___ 3	
5			___1 ___ 2 ___ 3	
6			___1 ___ 2 ___ 3	

During the next couple rehearsals, your band director is going to randomly select a few sections to play what they worked on in your sectional. Please make sure you’re ready to go!!! Have fun and work hard!