Section 7:

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Basic Standards: Levels I, II and III

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Introduction

This document outlines the learning outcomes and learning objectives for all three levels of Orff Schulwerk teacher education. The outcomes and objectives have been separated into two sets of matrices: learning outcomes and learning objectives.

The matrices' layout enables the reader to compare outcomes at all three levels, and objectives at all three levels, to clearly see the progression of learning from level to level within specific subject areas.

Once this document has been finalized and approved, it will be formatted for both printing and viewing online as an interactive resource. Links within the online resource will lead to specific examples, descriptions, and definitions.

To see all outcomes and objectives for a specific level of learning, see the documents for Levels I, II, or III.

Teacher Education Curriculum Matrix: Learning Objectives

Time, Rhythm, and Meter

Time is not always bound by rhythm.

Time, Rhythm, And Meter	Level I	Level II	Level III
	The student at this level will be able to:	The student at this level will be able to:	The student at this level will be able to:
	 Perform natural speech rhythms and rhythmic building blocks <link/> 	• Speak in 2/4, 3/4, 4/4, 6/8, 5/8, 7/8, and changing meters	• Extend speech performances in 2/4, 3/4, 4/4, 6/8, 5/8, and 7/8 meters
Speech	• Speak simple rhymes in 2/4, 4/4, ³ / ₄ , and 6/8 meters		
Specch	Speak poems with body percussion ostinati		
	Perform speech beginning with anacrusis		
Unpitched	 Perform 2-, 3-, and 4-level body percussion in echo, conversation, and improvisation <link/> 	 Review duple, triple, and compound duple meters Improvise using syncopated 	• Extend rhythmic performance and improvisation in 2/4, 3/4, 4/4, 6/8, 5/8, and 7/8 meters and irregular
And Body	Play in 2/4, 4/4, and 6/8 metersPlay patterns transferred from	 Perform and improvise with rhythms 	 and changing combinations Combine rhythmic patterns in
Percussion	speech	in 2/4, 3/4, 4/4, 6/8, 5/8, and 7/8 meters and irregular and changing combinations	 polymetric layering Perform rhythmically free structures
	• Sing melodies in 2/4, 4/4, ³ / ₄ , and 6/8 meters	 Sing melodies with syncopated patterns 	• Extend singing melodies in 2/4, 3/4, 4/4, 6/8,5/8, and 7/8 meters
Singing		• Continue singing melodies in 2/4, 3/4, 4/4, and 6/8 meters	
		• Sing melodies in 5/8 and 7/8 meters	

Time, Rhythm,			
And Meter	Level I	Level II	Level III
Pitched Percussion And Recorder	 Perform beat and rhythm Perform ostinato patterns Play rhythmic echoes Play accented and unaccented notes Play speech rhythms Play and improvise in 2/4, 4/4, ³/₄, and 6/8 meters Play patterns transferred from speech 	 Play in duple, triple, and compound duple meters Improvise using syncopated patterns Perform and improvise in 5/8, 7/8, and changing meters 	 Extend performance and improvisation in 2/4, 3/4, 4/4, 6/8, 5/8, and 7/8 meters and irregular and changing combinations Combine rhythmic patterns in polymetric layering Play rhythmically free structures
Movement	 Perform metered and unmetered non-locomotor and locomotor movement Move in duple, triple, and compound meters Move to show anacrusis and accent Express tempo changes and contrasting tempi through movement 	 Explore moving in 2/4, 3/4, 4/4, 6/8, 5/8, 7/8, and changing meters Improvise using syncopated patterns 	• Perform metric structures including 2/4, 3/4, 4/4, 6/8, 5/8, and 7/8 meters, and irregular and changing combinations
Improvisation Composition Orchestration	 Improvise in question-and-answer form Notate the rhythm of poems in 2/4, 4/4, and 6/8 meter Notate the rhythms of poems that begin with anacrusis Improvise and compose complementary ostinato 	Improvise in 5/8, 7/8, and changing meters on recorder and pitched- percussion instruments	• Extend improvisation in 5/8, 7/8, and changing meters on recorder and pitched percussion instruments.

Time, Rhythm, And Meter	Level I	Level II	Level III
	 Analyze and compare/contrast Level I teaching procedures modeled by the instructor 	 Analyze and compare/contrast Level II teaching procedures modeled by the instructor 	Analyze and compare/contrast Level II teaching procedures modeled by the instructor and peers
Pedagogy	• Teach a speech piece with ostinato accompaniment to a small group	 Teach an ostinato accompaniment using mirrored body percussion and simultaneous or echo imitation 	Teach rhythm in an accurate manner, cueing learners with an inviting physical gesture
			 Develop a lesson plan that teaches a concept in rhythm, and teach the lesson using a variety of Orff media

Melody

Melody	Level I	Level II	Level III
	The student at this level will be able to:	The student at this level will be able to:	The student at this level will be able to:
Speech	Speak with expressive vocal inflection	Speak with expressive vocal inflection	Speak with expressive vocal inflection
Unpitched and Body Percussion	• Demonstrate understanding of the relationship between melody and the melodic aspects of body percussion and unpitched percussion	 Explore body percussion sounds and techniques beyond the four standard levels <link/> 	 Extend body percussion sounds and techniques beyond the four standard levels <link/>
Singing	 Demonstrate vocally the progression from speech inflection to singing Sing folk songs and melodic material in <i>do</i> and <i>la</i> pentatonic Sing a pentatonic ostinato accompaniment while someone else sings the melody, and vice versa Sing a simple melody while performing an instrumental or body percussion accompaniment 	 Sing folk songs in <i>re</i> and <i>sol</i> pentatonic scales Sing hexatonic melodies: do-re-mi-fa-sol-la and la-ti-do-re-mi-fa Sing modal melodies: Major: Ionian, Lydian, Mixolydian Minor: Aeolian Dorian, Phrygian 	 Sing in all diatonic modes Sing recitative using a selected text
Pitched Percussion And Recorder	 Play and create 2-note call, 3-note chant, tetratonic, and pentatonic melodies on recorders and barred instruments Play scales and simple melodies in the three <i>do</i> pentatonic scales C, F, G and the three <i>la</i> pentatonic scales a, d, e 	 Play melodies and improvisations in <i>do, la, re</i>, and <i>sol</i> pentatonic and hexatonic scales Explore pentatonic world music examples that include semi- tones Play melodies and improvisations in all diatonic 	 Play melodies and improvisations in all diatonic modes Combine patterns in polymetric layering Play melodies and improvisations incorporating Major and Minor harmony changes: I-V, I-IV- V, i-V, I-

Melody	Level I	Level II	Level III
		modes: Major: Ionian, Lydian, Mixolydian Minor: Aeolian Dorian, Phrygian	vii, i-VII
		 Play accompaniment patterns: simple and moving borduns/drones, ostinati, shifting triads, for melodic structures not requiring harmonic change 	
		 Improvise over shifting harmonies: I-ii, I-VII, i-VII, I-vi, i- VI 	
	 Experience a variety of levels to express musical contour and phrase 	 Explore a variety of levels to express musical contour and phrase 	 Create a variety of levels to express musical contour and phrase
Movement	Express melodic ideas through creative movement	 Explore physical response to modal material 	Create movement themes in response to melodic material
	Explore movement phrases	Create movement phrases	 Respond to modal, Major, and Minor material through movement
Improvisation Composition Orchestration	 Play melodic improvisations in three <i>do</i> pentatonic scales C, F, G and three <i>la</i> pentatonic scales a, d, e, using correct playing technique on barred instruments Improvise vocally in <i>do</i> and <i>la</i> pentatonic 	 Improvise vocally in hexatonic scales Improvise vocally in diatonic modes Compose a modal melody over a given ostinato or chordal accompaniment 	 Extend vocal improvisation in all diatonic modes Improvise vocally over chord changes: I-V,i-v, I-IV-V, I-VII, i-VII

Melody	Level I	Level II	Level III
Dedecerv	 Analyze and discuss procedures for teaching a song modeled by the instructor 	 Teach a song through echo imitation Teach a lesson that involves melodic improvisation 	• Teach vocal and instrumental melodies using a variety of techniques, including vocal modeling, gesture, and body percussion
Pedagogy			 Develop a lesson plan that teaches a concept in pitch/melody or rhythm
			 Teach the prepared lesson using a variety of Orff media

Accompanime		Laurel W	Level III
nt Texture	Level I		
Speech	The student at this level will be able to: • Perform speech in: • unison • solo and chorus • antiphonal speech • speech ostinato • canon	 The student at this level will be able to: Perform layers of speech in varying textures including: antiphonal speech speech ostinati canon Perform combinations of independent spoken parts, including main theme with speech ostinati and canon Combine speech with body 	 The student at this level will be able to: Perform complex layered speech pieces Perform choral speech (e.g. poems for several voices) or Greek drama
Unpitched And Body Percussion	Create: body percussion ostinati color sounds rhythmic ostinati movement accompaniment 	 percussion or instruments Perform accompaniment patterns Perform in small group/large group contexts Create background sound carpets, textures, and sound effects 	Demonstrate effective accompaniment techniques fo body percussion and playing unpitched percussion
Singing	 Create vocal melodic ostinati Sing a pentatonic ostinato accompaniment while someone else sings the melody, and vice versa 	 Sing canons, countermelodies, and other parts to accompany melodies 	 Sing chord root accompaniments for a melody requiring a I-V chord change Sing chord root accompaniments for a melody requiring harmony changes: I- V, I-IV- V, i-v, i-V, I-vii, i- VII

Accompaniment Texture

Accompanime			
nt Texture	Level I	Level II	Level III
Pitched Percussion and Recorder	 Play pedal tone/simple tonic accompaniments Play simple bordun/drone: chord, broken, arpeggiated, level Play melodic ostinati Play color parts Develop and play movement accompaniment 	 Perform simple and moving borduns/drones, ostinati, shifting triads: I-ii, I-VII, i-VII, I-vi, i- VI Create background sound carpet, textures, and sound effects 	 Play accompaniment patterns for melodies requiring chord changes: I-V, i-v, i-V, I-VII, i- VII, I- ii, I-IV, I-IV-V Play using three-mallet technique
Movement	 Explore and perform: unison movement mirroring/shadowing solo, small group, and large group Develop and perform: movement accompaniment 	 Perform: solo/small group/large group Develop and perform: movement formations movement accompaniment choreography strategies Create and perform: movement ostinati 	 Perform: solo/small group/large group Develop and perform: movement formations movement ostinati movement accompaniments choreography strategies
Improvisation Composition Orchestration	 Create arrangements using the four types of simple bordun/drone accompaniments Arrange or compose a pentatonic melody with simple bordun/drone accompaniment Use the conventional score order of Orff Schulwerk in notating instrumental accompaniments Create color parts 	 Arrange a pentatonic and/or hexatonic melody with bordun/drone and/or ostinato accompaniment Arrange a modal melody with bordun/drone and ostinato accompaniment Compose a modal melody and arrange with shifting triad accompaniment: I-ii, i-II, I-vi, i- 	 Compose a modal melody and accompany with bordun/drone and ostinato Arrange a Major melody requiring I- V chord change accompaniment Compose a countermelody for a diatonic melody or folk song (paraphony or diaphony) Arrange a melody requiring

Accompanime			
nt Texture	Level I	Level II	Level III
		VI, I-VII, i-VII	harmonic chord changes: i-v, I-V, I-vii, i-VII
			 Arrange a melody requiring I- IV-V chord accompaniment
			 Compose a modal melody and accompany with bordun/drone and ostinato
			 Arrange a Major melody requiring I-V chord change accompaniment
Pedagogy	Use body percussion to prepare instrumental parts Tapab a simple bordun/drapa	Teach instrument parts, modeling effective ensemble leading and sequence	 Teach instrument parts, modeling effective ensemble leading and sequence
	 Teach a simple bordun/drone accompaniment to a small group, modeling effective sequence 		Develop a recorder improvisation lesson

Form

Form	Level I	Level II	Level III
	The student at this level will be able to:	The student at this level will be able to:	The student at this level will be able to:
Speech	 Perform speech pieces in simple forms including: word patterns phrase elemental forms, AA, AB, ABA echo question-and-answer antiphonal canon rondo verse/chorus 2- and 4-line rhymes introduction, interlude, and coda 	 Demonstrate speech pieces using simple forms: question-and-answer ABA rondo 	 Extend speech pieces using simple forms: question-and-answer ABA Rondo
Unpitched and Body Percussion	 Perform body percussion in simple forms including: phrase elemental forms, AA, AB, ABA echo question-and-answer antiphonal canon rondo 	 Extend: phrase elemental forms AA, AB, and ABA echo question-and-answer canon rondo 	 Demonstrate musical form through use of: rhythmically contrasting ostinati shifts in range changes in timbre, texture, and/or dynamic level
Singing	 Sing songs in elemental and call- and-response forms Sing canons in two, three, and four or more parts 	 Sing melodic questions and answers 	Sing variations to a given melody

Form	Level I	Level II	Level III
Pitched Percussion and Recorder	 Play pieces in simple forms including: word patterns phrase elemental forms, AA, AB, ABA echo question-and-answer antiphonal canon rondo verse/chorus 	 Perform elemental forms including: AA, AB, ABA echo question-and-answer antiphonal canon rondo verse/chorus 	 Emphasize form by making instrumental performance decisions Play a theme and variations
Movement	 Perform musical form through movement: phrase elemental forms AA, AB, ABA echo question-and-answer antiphonal canon rondo folkdance 	 Demonstrate musical form through movement: elemental forms AA, AB, ABA echo question-and-answer antiphonal canon rondo verse/chorus folk dance 	 Extend musical form through movement: phrase elemental forms AA, AB, ABA echo question-and-answer antiphonal canon rondo verse/chorus folk dance theme and variations rhythmically free structures
Improvisation Composition Orchestration	 Create a contrasting B section for an ABA form Create contrasting sections in a rhythmic or melodic rondo. 	 Extend contrasting sections in a rhythmic or melodic rondo 	Extend compositional forms
Pedagogy	 Identify and analyze procedures for teaching form modeled by the instructor 	 Demonstrate form using various Orff media Analyze and discuss procedures for teaching form modeled by the 	 Use references to form as an aid in teaching

Form	Level I	Level II	Level III
		instructor	

Timbre

Timbre	Level I	Level II	Level III
	The student at this level will be able to:	The student at this level will be able to:	The student at this level will be able to:
Speech	Create and perform speech sounds beyond expressive speech inflection	 Speak with varying vocal timbres in both rhythmic and non-rhythmic contexts 	 Speak with varying vocal timbres in both rhythmic and non-rhythmic contexts
Unpitched and Body Percussion	 Perform various timbres of body percussion Explore and define families of unpitched percussion instruments 	 Perform various timbres of body percussion and texture <link/> 	 Extend timbre possibilities in body percussion <link/> Create music using found sounds and by playing instruments in non- conventional ways
Singing	 Sing with pitch accuracy and intonation, in an appropriate manner for classroom presentation Model a clear vocal tone without excessive vibrato Explore heavy and light vocal production 	 Model a clear vocal tone without excessive vibrato Demonstrate using light and heavy vocal mechanisms appropriately 	Model a clear vocal tone without excessive vibrato
Pitched Percussion And Recorder	 Explore recorder ranges and timbre techniques <link/> Identify and play all families of barred instruments 	 Experiment with sound techniques affecting timbre 	 Increase timbre possibilities <link/>
Movement	Demonstrate body response to timbre stimulus	Move expressively in response to timbre stimuli	Move expressively in response to timbre stimuli
Improvisation Composition Orchestration	Choose instrumental timbres appropriate to the style and text of the song being orchestrated	 Make artistic choices for instrumentation 	 Demonstrate artistic choices for instrumentation Perform aleatoric explorations and improvisations using varying vocal timbres

Timbre	Level I	Level II	Level III
Pedagogy	 Describe the tone colors and most effective use of pitched and unpitched instruments 	 Integrate tone colors and most effective use of pitched and unpitched instruments 	 Teach awareness of instrumental and vocal colors

Expression

	Level I	Level II	Level III
Speech	 Use speech as an expressive musical event in composed and improvised contexts 	 Speak expressively in varying tempi and dynamics in rhythmic and non-rhythmic contexts 	 Speak with varying dynamics and vocal inflection
Unpitched and Body Percussion	 Move expressively, using the body as a musical instrument <link/> 	 Play unpitched percussion in a physically and musically expressive manner Demonstrate moving expressively, using the body as a musical instrument <link/> 	 Extend moving expressively, using the body as a musical instrument <link/>
Singing	Sing with varying dynamics	 Model an animated effect when singing 	 Model an animated effect when singing
Pitched Percussion And Recorder	 Develop techniques to facilitate expressive playing <link/> 	 Explore new sound possibilities on pitched percussion instruments and recorders Develop expressive playing techniques <link/> 	 Make artistic choices in solo and ensemble instrument playing
Movement	 Define and articulate movement Develop movement vocabulary <link/> Move to verbal cues, demonstrating an understanding of movement vocabulary <link/> 	 Use movement as impetus for sound and sound as impetus for movement Move to express complex rhythmic structures in mixed/changing meters Improvise movement 	 Shape movement for performance Use the body as a visual, musical instrument
Improvisation Composition Orchestration	 Perform using appropriate dynamics Play instruments with musical phrasing 	 Play and sing musically 	 Make artistic choices in instrumentation and arrangement

	Level I	Level II	Level III
Pedagogy	 Explore expressive musicianship in teaching. 	 Model expressive musicianship in teaching 	 Model expressive musicianship in teaching
l cuugogy			 Model expressive singing and playing

Teacher Education Curriculum Matrix: Learning Outcomes

Speech

Speech materials used in all levels should include a variety in form and literary mood, with ample potential for creative experimentation.

LEVEL I		LEVEL III
Materials should allow for poetic exploration and experimentation.	Care must be taken to provide materials that have literary value beyond usefulness for musical exercise.	More complex forms may be introduced for broader and deeper poetic exploration and experimentation.
The student at this level will:	The student at this level will:	The student at this level will:
 Speak in 2/4, 3/4, 4/4, and 6/8 meters Perform simple layered speech pieces Speak a simple rhyme while performing a simple body percussion ostinati accompaniment Speak using a variety of vocal timbres Speak with varying dynamics and vocal inflection in composed and improvised contexts 	 Speak in 2/4, 3/4, 4/4, and 6/8 meters Speak in 5/8 and 7/8 meters Perform speech that articulates simple and compound beat subdivisions Articulate syncopated patterns Construct simple forms: question-and- answer, ABA, rondo, theme, and variations Express timbre, texture, tempo, and dynamics in rhythmic and non- rhythmic contexts Use improvised vocal sounds as atmospheric background for poems, stories, other dramatic situations, and movement Develop speech compositions from texts or original materials Create graphic symbols as a stimulus 	 Extend speaking in 2/4, 3/4, 4/4, 6/8, 5/8, and 7/8 meters Perform layered speech pieces at a sophisticated level Explain and demonstrate use of vocal timbres in speaking Explain and demonstrate speaking with varying dynamics in vocal inflection in composed and improvised contexts Perform aleatoric explorations and improvisations using varying vocal timbres Demonstrate improvisation and composition: Use improvised vocal sounds as atmospheric background for poems, stories, and other dramatic situations, and for
	for vocal response, and respond to such notation	 movement Develop speech compositions from texts or original materials

LEVEL I	LEVEL II	LEVEL III
	 Create speech compositions that integrate speech with body percussion, vocal effects, movement in space, and instrumental sounds Develop speech accompaniment for movement improvisations and compositions 	 Demonstrate notation Use graphic symbols as a stimulus for vocal response Create graphic symbols as notation for vocal sounds Demonstrate integration as follows: Develop speech compositions combining such elements as body percussion, vocal effects, movement in space, and instrumental parts as accompaniments or sections Develop speech compositions with improvisations in longer dramatic contexts Develop speech accompaniment to movement improvisations and compositions

Performing Body Percussion And Playing Unpitched Percussion Instruments

The Orff Approach specifically integrates instrumental play into the learning process, using body percussion, unpitched and pitched percussion instruments, and recorder. Other instruments, including authentic instruments from world cultures, may also be used along with Orff instruments, <a href="https://www.cultures.

Students in all levels should demonstrate competence in performing parts learned through imitation and from notation, and improvising rhythms in body percussion and on unpitched percussion instruments. The ability to use many different instruments offers teachers variety in choices of teaching tools for the classroom. Performing body percussion and playing unpitched percussion instruments reinforces rhythmic and melodic concepts and skills and develops sensitive ensemble musicianship.

LEVEL I	LEVEL II	LEVEL III
The student at this level will:	The student at this level will:	The student at this level will:
 Perform rhythms in 2/4, 3/4, 4/4, and 6/8 meters, including patterns 	• Continue performing rhythms in 2/4, 3/4, 4/4, and 6/8 meters	• Continue performing rhythms in 2/4, 3/4, 4/4, and 6/8 meters
transferred from speechPlay and improvise using correct hand	 Perform 5/8 and 7/8 meters, including irregular and changing combinations 	Perform 5/8 and 7/8 meters, including irregular and changing combinations
drum techniqueDemonstrate correct holding and	 Combine rhythmic patterns in polymetric layering 	Demonstrate rhythmic patterns in polymetric layering
playing technique for unpitched instruments including idiophones and	Continue demonstration of effective	Perform rhythmically free structures
 Demonstrate effective accompaniment techniques in body 	 accompaniment techniques in body percussion and unpitched percussion playing Emphasize musical form through use 	Continue demonstration of effective accompaniment techniques in body percussion and unpitched percussion plaving.
percussion and unpitched percussion playingPerform body percussion with correct	 Emphasize musical form through use of rhythmically contrasting ostinati, shifts in range, changes in timbre, texture, and/or dynamic level 	 Playing. Perform musical form through use of rhythmically contrasting ostinati, shifts
technique, musicality, and body awareness	Demonstrate a wide variety of timbre	in range, changes in timbre, texture, and/or dynamic level
 Perform simple ostinati, compositions, and improvisations 	possibilities in body percussion through more advanced techniques <link/>	 Extend timbre possibilities in body percussion through more advanced techniques <link/>
	 Explore creating music using found sounds and by playing instruments in non-conventional ways 	 Create music using found sounds and by playing instruments in non- conventional ways

LEVEL I	LEVEL II	LEVEL III
	 Apply correct technique when performing the layers of body percussion (stamp, pat, and clap/snap) and other body sound gestures 	 Demonstrate correct technique when performing the layers of body percussion (stamp, pat, and clap/snap) and other body sound gestures.
	 Apply correct holding and playing technique for unpitched instruments including idiophones and membranophones. <link/> 	 Demonstrate correct holding and playing technique for unpitched instruments including idiophones and membranophones. <link/>

Singing

In the Orff approach, singing is recognized as fundamental—an invaluable means for individual and group musical expression. Singing requires and develops the highest degree of pitch sensitivity and security, thus being essential in the development of total musicality. Songs should be carefully chosen to expand musical repertoire and vocabulary. They should be pedagogically useful and of exemplary musical quality. The instructor should model appropriate vocal range and quality, healthy posture, and breathing necessary for well-supported singing.

LEVEL I	LEVEL II	LEVEL III
The student at this level will:	The student at this level will:	The student at this level will:
• Sing melodies in 2/4, 3/4, 4/4, and 6/8 meters	 Continue singing melodies in 2/4, 3/4, 4/4, and 6/8 meters 	• Continue singing melodies in 2/4, 3/4, 4/4, 6/8, 5/8, and 7/8 meters
Sing songs, exercises, and	• Sing melodies in 5/8 and 7/8 meters	• Explore recitative using a selected text
improvisations in <i>do</i> and <i>la</i> pentatonic scales: <i>do-re-mi-sol-la</i> and <i>la-do-re-mi-</i> sol	 Sing songs, exercises, and improvisations in alternative pentatonic 	 Sing chord root accompaniments for a melody requiring a I-V chord change
Sing pentatonic song material accurately and appropriately for classroom presentation	 scales: <i>re, mi,</i> and <i>sol</i> Sing Major and Minor pre-diatonic song material: <i>do-re-mi-fa-sol-la</i> and 	 Sing chord root accompaniments for a melody requiring harmony changes: I- V, I-IV-V, i-v, i-V, I-vii, i-VII
Sing a pentatonic ostinato accompaniment while someone else	<i>la-ti-do-re-mi-fa</i>Sing variations to a given melody	 Continue singing variations to a given melody
sings the melody, and vice versaSing a simple melody while performing	 Continue to model a clear vocal tone without excessive vibrato 	 Continue to model a clear vocal tone without excessive vibrato
an instrumental or body percussion accompaniment	 Model an animated affect when singing 	 Continue to model an animated affect when singing
Model a clear vocal tone without excessive vibrato	Improvise vocally in all diatonic modesDemonstrate the ability to sing	 Improvise vocally over chord changes: I-V, i-v, I-IV-V, I-VII, i-VII
	melodies in all diatonic modes: o Major: Ionian, Lydian, Mixolydian o Minor: Dorian, Phrygian,	 Continue singing countermelodies based on the principles of diaphony (contrary motion) and paraphony (parallel motion)
	 Aeolian Sing countermelodies based on the principles of diaphony (contrary 	 Continue singing melodies and improvising vocally in all diatonic modes:

LEVEL I	LEVEL II	LEVEL III
	motion) and paraphony (parallel motion).	 Major: Ionian, Lydian, Mixolydian Minor: Dorian, Phrygian, Aeolian

Playing Pitched Instruments

The barred pitched-percussion instruments provide a light accompaniment for children's singing and an effective ensemble for instrumental performance, and are excellent teaching tools for melodic and harmonic concepts.

LEVEL I	LEVEL II	LEVEL III
The student at this level will:	The student at this level will:	The student at this level will:
• Demonstrate correct posture and mallet techniques for playing the various sizes of xylophones, metallophones, and glockenspiels	 Continue to use correct posture and mallet techniques for playing the various sizes of xylophones, metallophones, and glockenspiels 	• Continue playing and improvising in 2/4, 3/4, 4/4, 6/8, 5/8, and 7/8 meters, and in irregular and changing combinations
 Play and improvise in 2/4, 3/4, 4/4, and 6/8 meters, including patterns transformed from encoded 	• Continue playing and improvising in 2/4, 3/4, 4/4, and 6/8 meters	Continue playing melodies and improvisations in all diatonic modes
 transferred from speech Play and improvise in the three <i>do</i> pentatonic scales C, F, G and the 	 Play and improvise in 5/8 and 7/8 meters, including irregular and changing combinations 	Combine patterns in polymetric layering by playing melodies and improvisations incorporating Major and
three <i>la</i> pentatonic scales A,D,EImprovise melodies in elemental forms	 Combine rhythmic patterns in polymetric layering 	Minor harmony changes: I-V, I-IV-V, i- v, i-V, I-vii, i-VII
<link/> Perform ostinati and simple 	 Play melodies and improvisations in all diatonic modes 	 Play accompaniment patterns for melodies requiring chord changes: I-V, i-v, i-V, I-VII, i-VII, I-ii, I-IV, I-IV-V
bordun/drone accompaniment patterns	 Demonstrate advanced mallet techniques, such as tremolo and the 	Play using three-mallet technique
	use of three and four mallets	 Explore form by making instrumental performance decisions
	Make instrumental performance decisions to emphasize form	Create theme and variations
	Play theme and variations	 Extend timbre possibilities through more advanced techniques <link/>
	 Demonstrate increased timbre possibilities through more advanced playing techniques <link/> 	Explore artistic choices in solo and ensemble instrument playing
	 Make artistic choices in solo and ensemble instrument playing 	 Demonstrate: correct posture and mallet techniques for playing the various sizes of xylophones,

LEVEL I	LEVEL II	LEVEL III
		 metallophones, and glockenspiels multiple mallet technique tremolo ability to improvise in all diatonic modes ability to improvise in a major scale over a I-V or I-IV-V accompaniment

Playing Recorder

LEVEL I	LEVEL II	LEVEL III
The student at this level will:	The student at this level will:	The student at this level will:
 Learn to play soprano recorder Improvise in pentatonic scales Implement ideas learned in basic and movement classes Prepare to play and teach recorder along with other Orff Schulwerk media in an Orff Schulwerk-based classroom 	 Learn to play alto recorder in a two-octave range including accidentals appropriate to the mode or scale Develop the ability to switch between alto and soprano recorders Demonstrate understanding of modal tonalities and shifting harmonies through alto recorder improvisation Develop pedagogy for beginning alto recorder as appropriate for Middle School age students. 	 Play melodies and improvisations on soprano and alto recorders comfortably by: playing in two octaves in all diatonic modes using a variety of meters and rhythmically free structures adding other recorder voices as available Play melodies and improvisations incorporating Major and Minor harmony changes: I-V, I-IV-V, i-v, i-V, I-vii, i-VII Play and lead ensemble music knowledgeably, with: attention to form style instrumentation Extend timbre possibilities through more advanced techniques <link/> Improvise melodically through decoration of the third, divisions, ornaments, and other techniques from models Improvise melodies over descending tetrachord, chaconne, and bass patterns Make artistic choices in solo and ensemble playing

LEVEL I	LEVEL II	LEVEL III
		 Develop process and content for recorder pedagogy including technique and ensemble musicianship

Movement

Movement is a pillar of Orff Schulwerk. Movement, music, and speech share roots in the elements of time and rhythm, permeating through all the aspects of the Schulwerk.

LEVEL I	LEVEL II	LEVEL III
Level I lessons and materials should inspire expressive movement as it relates to music and speech:	Level II lessons and materials should inspire expressive movement as it relates to music and speech, and increase student understanding of historical and folk dance forms.	Level III lessons and materials should inspire expressive movement as it relates to music and speech, increase student understanding of historical and folk dance forms, and extend comprehension of the role and importance of dance.
The student at this level will:	The student at this level will:	The student at this level will:
 Demonstrate a working knowledge of a basic movement/dance vocabulary and the elements that vary movement <link/> Express elements of time (pulse, meter, and rhythm pattern) in movement Create and execute small forms that integrate speech, music, and movement Describe the role of movement/dance in Orff Schulwerk 	 Demonstrate a working knowledge of a broad movement vocabulary <link/> Demonstrate kinesthetic awareness, performing movement with sensitive and artful articulation Demonstrate strong technical skills, with rhythmic and locomotor precision and knowledge of basic alignment, balance, and space Describe and define movement as impetus for sound and sound as impetus for movement Use movement to express ideas in form, timbre, melodic shape, and rhythm, including complex rhythmic structures with mixed and changing meters Participate freely and knowledgeably in movement improvisation 	 Perform metric structures including 2/4, 3/4, 4/4, 6/8, 5/8, and 7/8 meters, and irregular and changing combinations Create movement themes in response to melodic material Respond to modal, Major, and Minor material through movement Perform movement in solo, small-group, and large-group settings Use movement formations effectively Develop movement ostinati Create movement accompaniment Demonstrate effective choreography strategies

LEVEL I	LEVEL II	LEVEL III
	 Accurately perform folk dances and/or historical dances Accompany movement effectively 	 Perform phrase, elemental forms, AA, AB, ABA, echo, question-and-answer, antiphonal, canon, rondo, and verse/chorus folk dance
	 Initiate a creative process, integrating movement with music and speech 	Perform theme and variations in movement
	 Describe the concepts of qualities of movement, body relationships, relationships of movement to other art forms, and the connection between sound and movement 	Perform rhythmically free movement structures
		Demonstrate body response to timbre stimuli
		Shape movement for performance <link/>
		Use the body as a visual, musical instrument

Improvisation, Composition, Orchestration

Improvisation permeates all skill areas in the Orff Schulwerk teacher education curriculum. As Margaret Murray has stated, "you are helping teachers to discover and practice their own melodic and rhythmic creative potential so that they can help the children they teach to discover theirs."

Melodic improvisation is the precursor of composition, which can then lead to orchestration of the melodies invented. Composition and arrangement of simple forms are necessary component in the Orff Schulwerk teacher-education curriculum.

In the development of Orff and Keetman's prototype materials, the elemental concept resulted in music constructed simply from basic materials. Acquaintance with these materials provides an essential basis for individual and group efforts in composing and arranging. Certain "rules" and guidelines are useful in defining the extended style. Essential to the Orff Schulwerk approach, however, is the freedom to experiment and explore various options. Students should demonstrate in composition and arrangement assignments that they understand and have control of the musical material.

LEVEL I	LEVEL II	LEVEL III	
 LEVEL I The student at this level will: Develop a small composition using ostinato accompaniments Transfer a simple speech piece to body percussion or unpitched percussion Transfer a simple body percussion composition to pitched or unpitched instruments 	 LEVEL II The student at this level will: Perform aleatoric explorations and improvisations using varying vocal timbres Compose a modal melody and accompany with bordun/drone and ostinato Compose a countermelody for a diatonic melody or folk song (paraphony or diaphony Make artistic choices of instrumentation in arrangements. 	 LEVEL III The student at this level will: Extend aleatoric explorations and improvisations using varying vocal timbres Extend composing using modal melodies and accompaniments with bordun/drone and ostinati Arrange a Major melody requiring I-V chord change accompaniment 	
 Develop layered accompaniments for a pentatonic melody, using simple bordun/drone plus pitched and unpitched ostinati 		 (paraphony or diaphony Make artistic choices of instrumentation in arrangements. s of simple hem rations thmic notation, peech rhymes 	 Improvise vocally and instrumentally in all diatonic modes Improvise vocally and instrumentally over chord changes: I-V, I-IV-V, i-v, i-
 Construct the four types of simple bordun/drone and use them appropriately in orchestrations Read and notate, in rhythmic notation, the patterns of simple speech rhymes and ostinato patterns in simple and 			 V, I-vii, i-VII Arrange a Major melody requiring I-V chord accompaniment Compose a countermelody for a diatonic melody or folk song

LEVEL I	LEVEL II	LEVEL III
compound meters		(paraphony or diaphony)
 Read and notate, in rhythmic notation on an appropriate staff, simple body 		 Arrange a melody requiring harmonic chord changes: i-v, I-V, I-vii, i-VII
 percussion ostinati and compositions Read and notate simple, <i>do</i> and <i>la</i> 		 Arrange a melody requiring I-IV-V chord accompaniment
pentatonic melodies and accompaniment patterns, using staff notation		 Make artistic choices of instrumentation in arrangements
Write compositions and arrangements using appropriate score-order		 Revise instrumentation choices based on listening to performance on pitched instruments

Pedagogy

While the development of the teacher's own musicianship and creative potential is at the heart of Orff Schulwerk Teacher Education, the ultimate goal of this personal growth is to make the individual a better teacher of children. The role of pedagogy must go beyond the teaching of a piece in the elemental style—the piece is not an end in itself but a means to musical understanding for the child.

Lessons developed by students at all levels should be designed to bring children to conceptual understanding of musical elements and develop their musical skills in the active and creative atmosphere that characterizes the Orff approach. In this process, the teacher must always be a model of artistic musicianship, guiding children toward musical understanding.

LEVEL I	LEVEL II	LEVEL III
The student at this level will:	The student at this level will:	The student at this level will:
 Analyze directive and exploratory teaching procedures and techniques as modeled by the instructor Apply appropriate directive skills by teaching a small assignment to a small group Model expressive singing and playing Actively observe teaching techniques modeled by the instructor <link/> Reflect and discuss needed pedagogical skills 	 Teach rhythm in an accurate manner, engaging learners with planned cues Teach vocal and instrumental melodies using a variety of techniques, including vocal modeling, gesture, and body percussion Teach instrumental technique and parts in an artistic fashion Use references to form as an aid in teaching Teach awareness of instrumental and vocal colors Model expressive singing and playing Demonstrate pedagogical skills by developing a brief exploratory and/or improvisatory lesson with a group, utilizing music and movement Teach movement/dance within a framework of Orff Schulwerk, with knowledge of movement vocabulary, technical skills, and kinesthetic awareness 	 Teach rhythm in an accurate manner, engaging learners with well-planned cues. Teach vocal and instrumental melodies using a variety of techniques, including vocal modeling, gesture, and body percussion Teach instrumental technique and parts in an artistic fashion Use references to form as an aid in teaching Teach awareness of instrumental and vocal colors Model expressive singing and playing Demonstrate pedagogical skill by: developing at least one lesson plan teaching a concept in pitch/melody or rhythm teaching the lesson(s) to the class using a variety of Orff media.