

**HOWARD COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC
GRADES THREE THROUGH TWELVE**

**GOALS AND OBJECTIVES
Grades Six, Seven, and Eight - Levels III and IV**

GOAL III: CREATIVE EXPRESSION AND PRODUCTION

The student will demonstrate the ability to organize musical ideas and sound creatively.

CORE OBJECTIVE A. The student will explore musical ideas through simple improvisations.

Enabling Objectives:

1. The student will improvise simple rhythmic patterns.
2. The student will improvise simple rhythmic and melodic variations or embellishments on a given melody.

Assessment Options: Observation

- Strategies:**
1. Given a simple rhythm pattern, students will improvise rhythmic variations, maintaining a given meter.
 2. Given a simple melodic pattern, students will improvise melodic variations, maintaining a given meter.

CORE OBJECTIVE B. The student will preserve musical ideas through simple compositions and arrangements.

Enabling Objectives:

1. The student will use traditional notation as a means of retaining musical ideas.
2. The student will demonstrate awareness of contemporary compositional techniques and modern technologies.
3. The student will create a short composition using contemporary compositional techniques or modern technologies.

Assessment Option: Musical composition

- Strategies:**
1. Have students compose and notate an original composition based on a given set of parameters using staff paper; for example, four measures in 4/4 time, in the key of F, using only quarter and eighth notes.
 1. Have students use music software to notate composition.