

Mariachi Straight Out of the Box

Creating a Standards Based Curriculum for Mariachi

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Who are we?

- Middle School Feeder
- 5A High School
- Block Schedule
- 7 Classes
- Beginner to Advanced Levels
 - Beginner Guitar
 - Intermediate Guitar
 - Juvenil Espuelas de Plata
 - Espuelas de Acero
 - Espuelas de Cobre
 - Espuelas de Plata
- 150+ students in the program



- I. Theory Terms
- II. Playing Expectations
- III. MusicFirst
- IV. Instrument Expectations
- V. Accessories Required
- VI. Performance Expectations



Theory Terms

- Scales
- I, IV, V7
- Circle of Fifths
- Various Terms

Playing Expectations



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- Warm-ups
- Styles/Genres
 - Cajon Endings
- Exercises
- Playing Exams
 - In-Person (Individual, Section and Ensemble)

Music First Program



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- Create Practice Exercises
 - Counting Assessments
- Create Assessments for Repertoire List
- Utilize Sight-Reading Exercises
- Create Practice Guides
 - Chord Charts

Instrument Expectations



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- Quality Instruments
 - Ensemble Upgrade
- Preventative Maintenance
- Maintenance Habits
- Chord Charts
- Delgado Guitars

Accessories Required



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- Tuner
 - Chromatic
- Binder
- Picks
- Shoulder Rests
- Rosin
- Valve Oil
- Strap Lock

Performance Expectations



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- Creating performance opportunities for your ensemble
 - Concerts
 - Auditions
 - Public Performances
 - Community events
 - Football Games
 - Parades
 - Hispanic Heritage Month
 - Concerts/Collaborations
 - etc.

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