



My Musical Progress at Otto Petersen Elementary

STANDARD #2 – PLAYING ON INSTRUMENTS

Goal: I can play many different songs on instruments. I can play by myself or with others.

Questions I ask about my work	I perform at an advanced level. (4)	I can do this pretty well. (3)	I basically get how to do it, and I'm getting better. (2)	I'm still learning how to do it. (1)
Are my pitches correct and in tune?	All of my notes are the right ones. I played the whole piece in tune.	My notes are the right ones, except I made one or two mistakes. I played in tune pretty well.	My notes are mostly the right ones, but I made three or four mistakes. I played in tune fairly well, but there were a few notes that sounded a little funny. I may not have used the best posture or taken a big breath.	I played many wrong notes. It was hard to stay in tune.
Was my rhythm accurate?	My rhythm is great. I keep a very steady beat.	My rhythm is good. My beat was steady almost all the time.	My rhythm was pretty good, but I made some mistakes. Sometimes, my beat wasn't steady, or I started and stopped when I played.	I made a bunch of rhythm mistakes. It was hard to keep a steady beat. I needed to start over many times.
Did I play with a good body position? Did I take a big breath?	My posture is excellent, sitting or standing up, with my body relaxed. My hands are positioned well and relaxed. I took a big breath and used it well.	My posture is good, sitting or standing up, with my body relaxed. My hands are in the right spots. I took a big breath.	My posture needs a little work. I may be too tense, slouching, or my hands aren't in the right spot. I may not have taken a good breath to support my playing.	My body is not ready to play an instrument. I may not be sitting or standing up, and I'm not sure where my hands go. I don't take a good breath before I play.
Can I play an accompanying part on class instruments?	I played the part right on the first try, and kept playing through the whole piece. <i>Since it's hard to tell a difference between advanced and proficient here, I will earn a 4 if I can do this.</i>		I played the part right, but I needed a second try.	I'm not yet able to play the part right, but I'll keep working on it. I had some trouble with the rhythms and keeping a steady beat.