Teaching Inventory Database:

What to Teach	How to Teach It		
TONE	 Proper embouchure information for each instrument Resonance and ring Support – air in motion Good equipment, including mouthpieces and reeds Listening library of characteristic tone qualities Airstream/tone color troubleshooting Displaced reed exercises for saxophone Breathing exercises Provide names of great players Appropriate mouthpiece buzzing Vibrato; vibrato exercises at quarter = 72 "Long tone challenges" Play for students 		
TIMING	 Metronome Kinesthetic movement Ed Lisk internalization exercise Western "duel" exercise Bopping Subdivision exercises - Open/closed hand subdividing (count aloud/internally) Divide metronome markings per bar Math: 8 measures, quarter = 60, etc. 		

TUNING	 How the instrument works (instrument length) How to match a stationary pitch Beatless or waveless tuning Just intonation (chart) Pitch tendency information Pitch tendency chart How the tuner works Alternate fingerings Pitch centering exercises "Drone" exercises Tendencies
DYNAMICS	 Crescendo/diminuendo exercises Diminuendo/crescendo exercises Define terraced dynamics Percentages and tendencies Pace crescendos and decrescendos

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PHRASING	 Chorales Play to and away from arrival points Peaks and valleys Relate to "sentences" and speaking Agogic weight within phrases Carry over phrases Tension, release, suspensions, appogiaturas 				
ARTICULATIONS	 Eight rules of brass/flute articulation Staccato Marcato Slurs Legato Various accents Difference between brass/flute and single reeds Precision and clarity exercises 				
RHYTHM	 Counting system Rhythm charts Dotted rhythms Syncopation Mixed meter 				
BALANCE	 McBeth pyramid Melody vs. accompaniment Balance down to next lowest instrument Percentages During dynamic changes 				
BLEND	 Three-person rule (create trios around the ensemble) Listen up the section Paint sound inside neighbor's sound (playing "in tone") Clarihorn, hornet (colors between different instruments) Chocolate cake story Name ways to stick out of ensemble 				
ATTACKS	 B-M-E exercises Entering from silence to sound Diagrams Syllables Articulations related to the attack Attack pattern 				

RELEASES	B-M-E exercises
	Entering silence from sound
	Tapered release exercise
	Open-ended <i>ah</i> release
	Niente release exercise
	Discussion of different types

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DURATION OF NOTES	 Resonance and ring/overtones Core to the sound with a steady airstream Control the crescendo No wah-wah's Note direction
RANGE	 Whole-tone scale Carmine Caruso exercises Extended pattern scales Extended lip slurs Learn appropriate fingerings
CONTROL	 Lip slurs Support Dynamic spectrum Technique Syllables (oh, ah, ee, etc.) Nuance
TECHNIQUE	 All types of scales Five-step scale study Technical pattern Trills Lip slurs
TONE COLOR	BrightDarkWarm air vs. cool airSupportClarity

PRECISION	 Attack/release exercises Attack pattern Bopping Clarity Dutting exercises Internalization of pulse
MUSICIANSHIP	 Beauty Shape Weighting Emotion Expression Creativity Artistry Persichetti – music is either singing or dancing Passion Self-discovery and improvisation

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STYLE	 March style In many styles, short notes lead to long ones Louds vs. softs, longs vs. short (e.g., Mozart) If a line is repeated, do something different Styles of various composers Mood Interpretations of composers/conductors Dance styles Names of different styles Features/characteristics of different styles
SCALES	 Note names Speaking and finger notes Learn enharmonic notes Learn key signatures Teach transpositions Relative major/minor Different types of scales Chromatic – spell sharps up, flats down Start with penta-scales (i.e., five-step scale) Blues scales Pentatonic
KEY SIGNATURE	 Rules for keys Inversion principle Rule of Sevens Circle of Fifths/Circle of Fourths McGrew's Fourths Key signatures for minor
TIME SIGNATURE	 Explanation of function Various time signatures and why Mixed meter From quarter to eighth, and vice versa
STRETCHING EXERCISES	 Stretch the intercostal muscles Bend at the waist – lean left, right, forward, and back Right arm over head to left shoulder, and switch Clasp fingers together and reach as high as possible Clasp fingers behind the waist and stretch down Place chin on right shoulder and move it slowly left Grab left thumb with right hand and swing the arms Tension/Release

BREATHING EXERCISES	Duples and triplesSip/Strech	
	• 4–3–2–1	
	In 4, out 4In 8, out 8; in 7, out 8; in 6, out 8; etc.	
	• 5-15-5	
	Let it pop	

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EMBOUCHURE SET-UP	 Various troubleshooting techniques for woodwinds Various troubleshooting techniques for brass Things to look at when making instrument assignment 			
POSTURE	Bring the instrument to the bodyUp and forwardAlexander technique			
ORAL CAVITY SYLLABLES	 oh-ah-ee for brass players Single-reed oral cavity formation and tongue placement Open throat 			
COUNTING SYSTEM	One-ee-and-aTa-ka-di-miDu-ta-da-ta			
SIGHTREADING	 Select a tempo that ensures mastery Practice each component of playing Practice a culminating, simultaneous performance 			
ENHARMONIC NOTES	Call and responseEnharmonic ladderKeyboard diagram			
INSTRUMENT CARE	 Care of reeds How to properly oil and grease brass instruments How temperature effects instruments, especially wooden ones Swabbing out instruments, snaking lead pipes Flute end plug Washing brass instruments 			
MUSIC THEORY	 Clefs Basic understanding of chords Musical roadmaps Concert pitch vs. their pitch 			
HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE	 Time periods Historical context Social influences			
TERMS	 All-State terms, Selmer band manual terms Different terms for the word "mute" Terms for strings that help explain transfer 			

PRACTICE HABITS	 Appropriate warm-up material (e.g., long tone, lip slurs, etc.) Exercises to address specific fundamentals Use of a metronome and tuner High and low register studies Appropriate supplemental method books Work toward endurance
ACCURACY	High-register attack exercisesFall-off's exercise