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	Bright Dark Warm air vs. cool air Support Clarity

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	Duples and triples		
EXERCISES	Sip/Strech		
	4–3–2–1		
	In 4, out 4		
	In 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 assignments			
POSTURE	Bring the instrument to the body Up and forward Alexander technique			
ORAL CAVITY SYLLABLES	oh-ah-ee for brass playersSingle-reed oral cavity formation and tongueplacement Open throat			
COUNTING SYSTEM	One-ee-and-a Ta-ka-di-mi Du-ta-da-ta			
SIGHTREADING	Select a tempo that ensures mastery Practice each component of playing Practice a culminating, simultaneous performance			
ENHARMONIC NOTES	Call and response Enharmonic ladder Keyboard 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 exercises Fall-off's exercise