

# **General Music Curriculum**

Kindergarten - Sixth Grade Updated and aligned to 2020 NJSLS Revised August 2022

"With music, one's whole future life is brightened. This is such a treasure in life that it helps us over many troubles and difficulties. Music is nourishment, a comforting elixir. Music multiplies all that is beautiful and of value in life."

– Zoltan Kodaly

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#### PHILOSOPHY

Music is within our society and daily lives. Experience with and knowledge of music is a vital part of a complete education. Music is a rich discipline that includes a vibrant history, an exemplary body of work to study, and compelling cultural traditions. An education in music is an essential part of the academic curriculum for the achievement of human social and economic growth. The education of our students in music is critical to their personal success.

The music curriculum is organized as a pyramid. Students learn general skills and concepts as they begin their journey in education. Throughout their development, they have available a broad variety of performance, composition, and theory classes in order to explore their own creative musical abilities. The foundation of musical knowledge and understanding in the K-6 Music Department of Noecker School begins in the elementary schools through the general music experience.

Music education provides personal, intellectual, and social development for each individual. Teaching music within the context of the total school curriculum, especially during the formative years of an elementary K-6 education, is key to maximizing the benefits of music education. Teachers will incorporate the 21st century life and careers standards within their lessons. The goal of 21 <sup>st</sup> Century Life and Career standards is to enable students to make informed decisions that prepare them to engage as active citizens in a dynamic global society and to successfully meet the challenges and opportunities of the 21 <sup>st</sup> century global workplace.

# OVERALL OBJECTIVES AND INSTRUCTIONAL ADAPTATIONS

<ul> <li>GOALS</li> <li>After completing all levels of this program, a student will be able to: <ul> <li>Sing alone or with others a varied repertoire of music.</li> <li>Perform on instruments, alone or with others, a varied repertoire of music.</li> <li>Improvise melodies, variations and accompaniment.</li> <li>Compose and arrange music within specified guidelines.</li> <li>Read and notate music.</li> <li>Listen to, analyze, and describe music.</li> <li>Evaluate music and music performances.</li> <li>Understand relationships between music, the arts, and disciplines outside the arts.</li> <li>Understand music in relation to history and culture.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul> <li>INSTRUCTIONAL STRATEGIES</li> <li>Teacher modeling (eg. Echo-singing)</li> <li>Singing, playing, moving, and listening</li> <li>Solo performances within a class setting</li> <li>Teacher, peer, and individual critique of performance</li> <li>Singing and movement games</li> <li>Visual aids</li> <li>Lecture and demonstration</li> <li>Field trips</li> <li>Critiques</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>ASSESSMENTS</li> <li>Performance of singing and playing in a solo or group setting.</li> <li>Written and Aural evaluations</li> <li>Group projects and presentations.</li> <li>Observations of skill development</li> <li>Aural and Visual recordings</li> <li>Rubrics</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>DIFFERENTIATION/ ACCOMMODATIONS</li> <li>504 Plans</li> <li>IEPs</li> <li>Information provided in smaller increments/small group instruction</li> <li>Provide preferential seating</li> <li>Use of special tools and resources</li> <li>Use of visual and supportive material</li> <li>Systematic assessment and</li> </ul>	RESOURCES CDs Textbooks Song collections Posters Handouts Promethean Board Videos / DVDs Ipads /ChromeBooks Internet websites Music journals and magazines (Music K-8) Professional associations and organizations (MENC, NJMEA,	

feedback	ACDA,	
• Practice and	AOSA,NJMTA)	
reinforcement		
• Extra time for		
assigned tasks		
Adjust length of		
assignment/timeline		
with due dates for		
reports and projects		
Communication		
system between		
home and school		
Provide lecture		
notes/outline		
• Teacher-made		
checklist		
<ul> <li>Use visual graphic</li> </ul>		
organizers		
Reference resources		
to promote		
independence		
• Visual and verbal		
reminders		
Consistent		
daily/weekly		
structured routine		
• Simple and clear		
classroom		
expectations		
• Frequent feedback		
Precise step-by step		
directions		

# K-2 General Music Curriculum

## 1. Creating

GOALS/Anchor Standard	ENDURING UNDERSTANDINGS	ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS
Anchor Standard 1: Generating and conceptualizing ideas. • 1.3A.2.Cr1a: Explore, create and improvise musical ideas using rhythmic and melodic patterns in various meters and tonalities.	The creative ideas, concepts and feelings that influence musicians' work emerge from a variety of sources.	How do musicians generate creative ideas?
Anchor Standard 2: Organizing and developing ideas. • 1.3A.2.Cr2a: Demonstrate and explain personal reasons for selecting patterns and ideas for music that represent expressive intent. • 1.3A.2.Cr2b: Use iconic or standard notation and/or recording technology to organize and document personal musical ideas.	Musicians' creative choices are influenced by their expertise, context and expressive intent.	How do musicians make creative decisions?
Anchor Standard 3: Refining and completing products. • 1.3A.2.Cr3a: Interpret and apply personal, peer and teacher feedback to revise personal music. • 1.3A.2.Cr3b: Convey expressive intent for a specific purpose by presenting a final version of musical ideas to peers or informal audience.	Musicians evaluate and refine their work through openness to new ideas, persistence and the application of appropriate criteria.	How do musicians improve the quality of their creative work?

EXPECTATIONS:	<ul> <li>Explore, recognize and demonstrate the steady beat through various musical selections.</li> <li>Create basic rhythmic patterns including quarter notes, eighth notes, half notes, quarter rests, and tied notes using their corresponding rhythm syllables (Ta, Titi, etc.)</li> <li>Sing solo and in a group setting using a variety of pitches and rhythms.</li> <li>Read, write, and improvise and compose basic rhythmic patterns using stick and/or standard notation.</li> <li>Create melodic and rhythmic patterns.</li> <li>Recognize and differentiate between a variety of pitches (Same vs. Different pitches) and Dynamics (Loud vs. Soft) and direction of music (High vs. Low) and Rhythm vs. Beat.</li> <li>Demonstrate knowledge of solfege syllables and Curwen hand signs: do, re, mi, fa sol, la, ti, do.</li> <li>Move to express various mood settings</li> <li>Perform simple dance motions.</li> </ul>	

### 2. Performing

GOALS/Anchor Standard	ENDURING UNDERSTANDINGS	ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS
Anchor Standard 4: Selecting, analyzing and interpreting work. • 1.3A.2.Pr4a: Demonstrate and explain personal interest in, knowledge about, and purpose of varied musical selections.	Performers' interest in and knowledge of musical works, understanding of their own technical skill, and the context for a performance influence the selection of repertoire.	How do performers select repertoire?
Anchor Standard 5: Developing and refining techniques and models or steps needed to create products. • 1.3A.2Pr5a: Apply established criteria to	To express their musical ideas, musicians analyze, evaluate and refine their performance over time through openness to new ideas, persistence and the application of appropriate criteria.	How do musicians improve the quality of their performance?
judge the accuracy, expressiveness and effectiveness of performance. • 1.3A.2Pr5b: Rehearse, identify and apply strategies to address interpretive, performance and technical challenges of music. • 1.3A.2.Pr5c: Demonstrate knowledge of basic music concepts (e.g. tonality and meter) in music from a variety of cultures selected for performance. • 1.3A.2.Pr5d: When analyzing selected music, read and perform rhythmic and	Musicians judge performance based on criteria that vary across time, place, and cultures. The context and how a work is presented influence audience response	When is a performance ready to present? How do context and the manner in which musical work is presented influence audience response?

melodic patterns using iconic or standard notation.		
EXPECTATIONS:	<ul> <li>Explore, create, and improvise musical ideas using rhythmic and melodic patterns in various meters and tonalities.</li> <li>Sing, play, and listen to music from a variety of styles, genres, cultures and time periods.</li> <li>Practice basic rhythms and melodies.</li> <li>Sing using proper breathing .</li> <li>Practice and perform properly with vocal technique (diction, enunciation, and expression) and proper posture.</li> <li>Practice singing through echoing and Call &amp; Response</li> <li>Practice concert etiquette for assemblies, concerts, &amp; shows.</li> <li>Understand how different instruments help form the musical piece.</li> <li>Introduced to the staff and understand its importance.</li> </ul>	

## 3. Responding

GOALS/Anchor Standard	ENDURING UNDERSTANDINGS	ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS
<ul> <li>Anchor Standard 7: Perceiving and analyzing products.</li> <li>1.3A.2.Re7a: Demonstrate and explain how personal interests</li> </ul>	Individuals' selection of musical works is influenced by their interests, experiences, understandings, and purposes.	How do individuals choose music to experience?

and experiences influence musical selection for specific purposes. • 1.3A.2.Re7b: Describe how specific music concepts are used to support a specific purpose in music.	Response to music is informed by analyzing context (e.g., social, cultural, historical) and how creator(s) or performer(s) manipulate the elements of music.	How does understanding the structure and context of music inform a response?
<ul> <li>Anchor Standard 8: Interpreting intent and meaning.</li> <li>1.3A.2.Re8a: Demonstrate basic knowledge of music concepts and how they support creators'/performers' expressive intent.</li> </ul>	Through their use of elements and structures of music, creators and performers provide clues to their expressive intent.	How do we discern the musical creators' and performers' expressive intent?
<ul> <li>Anchor Standard 9: Applying criteria to evaluate products.</li> <li>1.3A.2.Re9a: Apply personal and expressive preferences in the evaluation of music.</li> </ul>	The personal evaluation of musical work(s) and performance(s) is informed by analysis, interpretation, and established criteria.	How do we judge the quality of musical work(s) and performance(s)?
EXPECTATIONS:	<ul> <li>Listen to and respond to music from different cultures, genres, various styles (eg. Folk Dancing, Call &amp; Response, Body Percussion)</li> <li>Use appropriate music vocabulary to describe a performance or composition.</li> <li>Determine which music is appropriate for different holidays and celebrations.</li> <li>Listen to, analyze, and describe music.</li> <li>Understand music in relation to history and culture.</li> <li>Evaluate music and music performances.</li> <li>Understand relationships between music, the arts, and disciplines outside the arts.</li> <li>Respond to conductor's cues.</li> </ul>	

### 4. Connecting

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Anchor Standard 10: Synthesizing and relating knowledge and personal experiences to create products. • 1.3A.2.Cn10a: Demonstrate how interests, knowledge and skills relate to personal choices	Musicians connect their personal interests, experiences, ideas, and knowledge to creating, performing, and responding. Through individual connections	How do musicians make meaningful connections to creating, performing, and responding? How do the other arts, other
and intent when creating, performing and responding to music.	in the arts, personal strengths, traits, and challenges are recognized.	disciplines, contexts, and daily life inform creating, performing and responding to music?
		How does engagement in the arts deepen recognition of one's personal traits, strengths and challenges?
<ul> <li>Anchor Standard 11: Relating artistic ideas and works within societal, cultural and historical contexts to deepen understanding.</li> <li>1.3A.2.Cn11a: Demonstrate understanding of relationships between music and the other arts, other disciplines, varied contexts, and daily life</li> </ul>	Through engagement in the artistic process artists develop strategies for managing one's emotions, thoughts, and behaviors. •	How does engaging in the arts deepen our understanding of our own strategies for building perseverance, managing emotions, thoughts and behaviors?
EXPECTATIONS:	<ul> <li>Relate ideas from music with other subject areas.</li> <li>Understand how personal experience with music helps make musical decisions.</li> <li>Understand lyrics of songs learned.</li> <li>Relate to music from different periods.</li> <li>Understand the origin of songs, games, and instruments from various cultures.</li> </ul>	

#### **Vocabulary:**

- Dynamics (Soft, Loud, Very Loud, Very Soft, Piano, Pianissimo, Forte, Fortissimo)
- Pitch,
- Tone
- Melody line
- Repeat
- Melodic
- Culture/Ancestors
- Ballad,
- Blues,
- Jazz,
- Vibration
- Solfege ( Do, Re, Mi, Fa, Sol, La, Ti, Do)
- Treble clef/g clef (Spaces, Lines)
- Notes (Quarter note, half note, dotted half note, whole note, dotted whole note)
- Musical rests
- Composer
- Musician,
- Beat
- Steady beat
- Rhythm
- Largo
- Presto
- Allegro
- Percussion
- Harmonize
- Tempo
- Warm ups
- Conductor

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EXPECTATIONS:	<ul> <li>Read, write, improvise, and practice basic and complex rhythmic patterns using stick and standard notation.</li> <li>Compose rhythmic ostinati alone and/or with a group</li> <li>Sing solo and in group settings.</li> <li>Demonstrate and recognize Curwen hand signals: Do Re Mi Fa Sol La TI Do.</li> <li>Create musical pieces using dynamics, tempo, and articulation</li> <li>Understand that dynamics, tempo, and articulation help create different musical pieces.</li> <li>Understand the difference between Rhythm and Beat.</li> <li>Recognize that each musical piece conveys a different message to each individual.</li> </ul>	

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EXPECTATIONS:	<ul> <li>Sing songs from different cultures, genres, and styles.</li> <li>Understand how to compare different musical pieces from different styles, cultures, and genres</li> </ul>	pi

<ul> <li>using appropriate vocabulary.</li> <li>Refine a musical piece by practicing challenging rhythms and parts of the piece.</li> <li>Visually and aurally identify various instruments .</li> <li>Ability to group different instruments into their families and understand how they are related.</li> <li>Demonstrate proper singing techniques, breath control and support, tone quality, and posture.</li> <li>Recognize the symbols in a song.</li> <li>Perform a piece of music in a way that the audience can relate to it.</li> <li>Use the knowledge of the musical staff to help perform different pieces.</li> </ul>	

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EXPECTATIONS:	<ul> <li>Discover, explore, and explain how personal experience with music helps make future musical decisions.</li> <li>Relate personal experience to the experiences of peers and realize how those similarities and differences relate to personal musical possibilities.</li> <li>Connecting music with other subjects to create a better understanding of both disciplines.</li> </ul>	

#### Vocabulary:

- Dynamics (Med. Loud: Mezzo Forte, (mf) Med. Soft: Mezzo Piano (mp) Hit Hard: Accent Grad. Louder: Crescendo (<) Grad. Softer: Decrescendo (>) Soft= Piano (p) Loud= Forte (f) Very Loud= Fortissimo (ff) Very Soft = Pianissimo (pp) Suddenly Loud= Sforzando (sfz Suddenly soft= Subito Piano)
- Breath Control
- Warm ups
- Lyrics
- Tempo
- Tone Color
- Orchestra

- Styles/Genre •
- Solo, duet, trio, quartet •
- Instruments/ families •
- Bass clef/ f clef/Treble clef/g clef •
- Skips/ steps/ leaps/repeats •
- Partner Songs/Rounds/ Ostinato •
- Harmony •
- Improvise •
- Tempo (andante, largo, allegretto, allegro, presto, accelerando, ritardando, poco a poco) Notes (quarter note, half note, whole note, eighth note, sixteenth note, rests) •
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- Barline •
- Solfege ( Do, Re, Mi, Fa, Sol, La, Ti, Do •
- Fermata •
- Conductor