

General Music Curriculum Overview

Primary (K-2):

Sing! Dance! Play! Move! In our music classroom, we begin to explore music in a variety of ways! We experience music by singing songs and moving to the steady beat while we are singing. We dance and move to songs and recorded music as we move to the steady beat. This helps the students internalize the steady beat and also helps them to gain control of how their bodies move in space. We also play a wide variety of instruments and learn how to play steady beat and simple rhythm patterns. Along with playing on instruments, we learn how to write and read simple music notes and what their rhythm syllables are. This enables the students to clap the rhythm and say the syllables as they read.

Intermediate (3-5):

Create! Compose! Play! Perform! Our Intermediate students deepen their knowledge through a variety of experiences. Students build on their foundation by learning more music notes and more challenging rhythms. They begin to learn how to play recorders, keyboards, ukuleles, band instruments, and a variety of percussion instruments. They continue to learn songs and dances, and begin to experience singing in different languages. Students also begin learn how to listen intelligently to songs and how to identify dynamics, form, mood, and the message or meaning of the song. Composing music and songs is a new skill explored by these students, through which the begin to explore how to express themselves through music in a positive and meaningful ways.

Jr High (6-8):

Collaborate! Inspire! Our Jr High Students are trained in a variety of musical instruments while continuing to build upon the foundation of music history and theory. The 6th Grade students are introduced to the guitar and drum set for the first time, and continue to build on their keyboard and ukulele skills. 7th Grade students increase their knowledge and dexterity on all of the four instruments, and 8th Grade students have the opportunity to specialize in a couple of these instruments. All of our students continue to learn how to read and compose music, how to creatively perform music, and to have a broad overview of the history and modernization of music.



4th Grade Beginning Band:

This is the start of an amazing journey! Our 4th Grade students begin to learn how to play either a wind instrument or a percussion instrument, and how to play as an ensemble. Between learning the basics of how to play their unique instrument and how to play with other people playing other parts, it is quite an exciting time! We welcome every student who wants to play, and challenge ourselves each rehearsal to learn a new note or song.



Jr High Choir (6-8):

The risers are alive with the beautiful sound of singing! Our 6th-8th Grade students sing and perform songs from multiple genres and languages throughout the year. We perform at least two concerts a year, and participate in the Antioch District Choral Festival. Our students learn how to sing properly with good breath support, begin to learn how to shape vowels, and how to sing with a good rich tone. We welcome every student to come, sing, and make beautiful music together with us!



Jr High Band(5-8):

The Journey Continues! Our 5th-8th Grade Students practice and perform repertoire from multiple genres; from Classical Pieces to Rock Songs to Movie Themes and much more! The students continue to learn the specific skills needed for their instrument, and begin to learn how to listen to others while they play to properly balance the ensemble. We perform at least two concerts a year, and participate in the Antioch District Band Festival as well. We welcome to come and make beautiful music together with us!