



Content Area: Music

Grade Level: 1

Course Name: Music 1

Course Description:

All students are enrolled in 1st grade Music, per New York State Education Department requirements for elementary school courses of study. This class meets twice in the six-day rotation for 30 minutes each, all year.

Students create musical ideas with their voices and bodies, they begin a foundation of music literacy in reading and understanding simple notation, use singing and instruments to express their ideas and others' through music, and respond to music through a variety of ways. They connect music to other learning and to their daily lives, experiences, and cultures.

Skills	Description
Steady Beat	Students keep a steady rhythmic pulse through their bodies and voices, and on instruments.
Varied Sounds	Students recognize and create short and long sounds, and high, middle, and low sounds. They learn to identify major and minor tonalities.

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Use of the Voice	Students recognize and produce four types of sound with the voice - whisper, sing, speak, and call. They learn to use the upper part of their singing range called the head voice.
Pulse	Students recognize and produce sound at varying speeds, fast and slow. They identify, perform, and compose with basic rhythmic notation, using Kodaly rhythm syllables (Ta, Ti-ti).
Movement	Students learn to experience music through active listening, dance, body percussion, chord borduns, creative exploration, and dramatic play. They learn to identify basic musical form (A/B, A/B/A).

NYS Standard	Links
NYS Arts Standards for General Music	http://www.nysed.gov/common/nysed/files/programs/curriculum-instruction/nys-music-at-a-glance-final-8.2.2017-high-res-v2.pdf