



Content Area: Music

Grade Level: 4

Course Name: Music 4

Course Description:

All students are enrolled in 4th 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 build 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
Beat/Pulse	Students keep a steady rhythmic pulse through their bodies and voices, and on instruments. They recognize strong and weak beats and organizations of meter (i.e., 4/4, 3/4). Students identify, perform, and compose with rhythmic notation including eighth and sixteenth notes using Kodaly rhythm syllables, and are introduced to numbered counting. They connect foundational math concepts to rhythmic understanding (i.e., through ties).
Varied Sounds	Students identify and use major and minor tonalities, and learn pentatonic scales. They practice the recognition and production of Kodaly solfege syllable patterns (i.e., Sol-Mi).

Skills	Description
Use of the Voice	Students use the upper part of their singing range called the head voice in a wide variety of classroom songs.
Note and Rhythm Reading	Students learn the recorder and read musical notation using a limited range (BAGED). They learn to follow a choral octavo and begin singing as a chorus in the second half of the year, using call and response, rounds, and canons to introduce reading and singing in different parts.
Movement	Students experience music through active listening, dance, body percussion, level borduns, concentric circle dances and square dance.

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