

Grade Level / Course Summary with Big Ideas:

4th grade music focuses on musical experiences aligned with the PA Academic Standards for Arts and Humanities and the National Standards for Music Education. As students progress through this course they will build upon the previously studied elements of music through the study of World music. This includes form, pitch, rhythm, multicultural music, and expressive elements. Students will participate in age-appropriate singing activities, movement activities, playing instruments, and listening activities. In 4th grade general music we continue to expand on previously learned concepts that establish the foundation of music education. We begin to apply the skills we have learned to creating, analyzing, and performing music. Each class begins with music analysis and/or composer or music history, making for a strong background in listening, which is built upon throughout the school year. Students review concepts from K-3, such as performing with voices, instruments, and bodies (movement). They also gain experience creating and performing individually and in groups. Additionally, many musical concepts are introduced and nurtured through chorus music, such as dynamics, tempo, rhythm, and notation.

Grade Level Modules (Units):

Suggested Timeline
of Weeks or # of Class Periods/Lessons

1. Review (Form, Orff, note names, rhythm, dynamics, mood)	10 lessons
2. Expressive Elements (F, mf, mp, p)	6 lessons
3. Critical listening to music (Emotions, expressive qualities, culture)	20 lessons
4. Rhythm (Time signatures, note names)	8 lessons
5. Composers (Periods of music, significance, famous pieces)	12 lessons
6. Instrumental Performance (Recorder, Orff, Percussion, Boomwhackers)	25 lessons
7. Vocal Performance (Solfege singing, Sight reading, intervals)	20 lessons

Learning Activities/Modes of Formative and Summative Assessment:

Learning Activities:

Singing activities
Playing instruments
Movement activities
Describing music
Listening activities

Modes of Assessment:

Teacher observation
Projects with rubrics
Worksheets
Quizzes

Primary Instructional Resources:

Music Literature
Acceptable Internet sites and applications

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