

## Course Description:

All students are enrolled in 5th 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. They experience compound meter (6/8) through listening and movement. Students identify, perform, and compose with rhythmic notation including eighth and sixteenth notes using Kodaly rhythm syllables, and use numbered rhythmic counting (1+2+). They connect foundational math concepts to rhythmic understanding.
Varied Sounds	Students identify and use major and minor tonalities, and pentatonic scales. They practice the recognition of Kodaly solfege syllable patterns (i.e., Sol-Mi) and their relationships within a Major key.

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Use of the Voice	Students use the upper part of their singing range called the head voice in a wide variety of classroom songs and in Chorus. They sing divided into two parts, divided evenly as Soprano and Alto.
Note and Rhythm Reading	Students learn the recorder and read musical notation using limited scales (DCBAGED). They recognize and compose with simple chord progressions (I, IV, V chords).
Movement	Students experience music through active listening, dance, body percussion, level borduns, concentric circle dances and square dance. They participate in the SPAC Classical Kids dance mini-residency.

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