



Content Area: Music

Grade Level: 8

Course Name: Music 8

Course Description:

All students are enrolled in Music 8, per New York State Education Department requirements for middle school courses of study. This course meets every other day for one semester.

Units Length of Time	Description
Guitar (6-7 weeks)	In the two instrument units, students will review the skills they learned in 7th grade and learn new skills that will allow them to perform on the instruments (electric keyboard and acoustic guitar) at a more advanced level. Students will perform individually and as a class on a mixed repertoire of folk/rock music.
Keyboard (6-7 weeks)	In the Keyboard unit, students will review the skills they learned in 7th grade and gain skills to perform melodies and accompaniments at a more advanced level. Students will perform individually and as a class. Advanced piano students incorporate piano music from private lessons.

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Rock-n-Roll History (6-7 weeks)	This unit will develop an understanding and appreciation of the elements and history of this musical genre. Students will learn rock-n-roll history and connections to historical events of cultural significance. They will identify different styles and performers through listening exercises, various projects, and available technology.

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