



What High School Students in Music Are Expected to Know and Be Able to Do

Music 9-12 STANDARDS

GRADES NINE THROUGH TWELVE— PROFICIENT

Note: The proficient level of achievement for grades nine through twelve can be attained at the end of one year of high school study within the discipline of music after the student has attained the level of achievement in music required of all students in grade eight.

ARTISTIC PERCEPTION

1.0 Processing, Analyzing, and Responding to Sensory Information Through the Language and Skills Unique to Music

Students read, notate, listen to, analyze, and describe music and other aural information, using the terminology of music.

Read and Notate Music

- 1.1 Read an instrumental or vocal score of up to four staves and explain how the elements of music are used.
- 1.2 Transcribe simple songs when presented aurally into melodic and rhythmic notation (level of difficulty: 1; scale: 1–6).

- 1.3 Sight-read music accurately and expressively (level of difficulty: 3; scale: 1–6).

Listen to, Analyze, and Describe Music

- 1.4 Analyze and describe the use of music elements and expressive devices (e.g., articulation, dynamic markings) in aural examples in a varied repertoire of music representing diverse genres, styles, and cultures.
- 1.5 Identify and explain a variety of compositional devices and techniques used to provide unity, variety, tension, and release in aural examples.
- 1.6 Analyze the use of form in a varied repertoire of music representing diverse genres, styles, and cultures.

CREATIVE EXPRESSION

2.0 Creating, Performing, and Participating in Music

Students apply vocal and instrumental music skills in performing a varied repertoire of music. They compose and arrange music and improvise melodies, variations, and accompaniments, using digital/electronic technology when appropriate.

Apply Vocal or Instrumental Skills

- 2.1 Sing a repertoire of vocal literature representing various genres, styles, and cultures with expression, technical accuracy, tone quality, vowel shape, and articulation—written and memorized; by oneself and in ensembles (level of difficulty: 4; scale: 1–6).
- 2.2 Sing music written in three or four parts with and without accompaniment.
- 2.3 Sing in small ensembles with one on a part.
- 2.4 Perform on an instrument a repertoire of instrumental literature representing various genres, styles, and cultures with expression, technical accuracy, tone quality and articulation—by oneself and in ensembles (level of difficulty: 4; scale: 1–6).
- 2.5 Perform on an instrument in small ensembles with one on a part.

Compose, Arrange, and Improvise

- 2.6 Compose music, using music elements for expressive effect.
- 2.7 Compose and arrange music for voices or various acoustic or digital/electronic instruments, using appropriate ranges for traditional sources of sound.

- 2.8 Arrange pieces for voices and instruments other than those for which the pieces were originally written.
- 2.9 Improvise harmonizing parts, using an appropriate style.
- 2.10 Improvise original melodies over given chord progressions.

HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL CONTEXT

3.0 Understanding the Historical Contributions and Cultural Dimensions of Music

Students analyze the role of music in past and present cultures throughout the world, noting cultural diversity as it relates to music, musicians, and composers.

Role of Music

- 3.1 Identify sources of music genres of the United States, trace the evolution of those genres, and cite well-known musicians associated with them.
- 3.2 Explain the various roles that musicians perform, identify representative individuals who have functioned in each role, and explain their activities and achievements.

Diversity of Music

- 3.3 Describe the differences between styles in traditional folk genres within the United States.
- 3.4 Perform music from various cultures and time periods.
- 3.5 Classify, by genre or style and historical period or culture, unfamiliar but representative aural examples of music and explain the reasoning for the classification.

AESTHETIC VALUING

4.0 Responding to, Analyzing, and Making Judgments About Works of Music

Students critically assess and derive meaning from works of music and the performance of musicians in a cultural context according to the elements of music and aesthetic qualities.

Analyze and Critically Assess

- 4.1 Develop specific criteria for making informed critical evaluations of the quality and effectiveness of performances, compositions, arrangements, and improvisations and apply those criteria in personal participation in music.
- 4.2 Evaluate a performance, composition, arrangement, or improvisation by comparing it to exemplary models.

Derive Meaning

- 4.3 Explain how people in a particular culture use and respond to specific musical works from that culture.
- 4.4 Describe the means used to create images or evoke feelings and emotions in musical works from various cultures.

CONNECTIONS, RELATIONSHIPS, APPLICATIONS

5.0 Connecting and Applying What Is Learned in Music to Learning in Other Art Forms and Subject Areas and to Careers

Students apply what they learn in music across subject areas. They develop competencies and creative skills in problem solving, communication, and management of time and resources that contribute to lifelong learning

and career skills. They learn about careers in and related to music.

Connections and Applications

- 5.1 Explain how elements, artistic processes, and organizational principles are used in similar and distinctive ways in the various arts.
- 5.2 Analyze the role and function of music in radio, television, and advertising.

Careers and Career-Related Skills

- 5.3 Research music careers in radio, television, and advertising.

GRADES NINE THROUGH TWELVE— ADVANCED

Note: The advanced level of achievement for students in grades nine through twelve can be attained at the end of a second year of high school study within the discipline of music and subsequent to attaining the proficient level of achievement.

ARTISTIC PERCEPTION

1.0 Processing, Analyzing, and Responding to Sensory Information Through the Language and Skills Unique to Music

Students read, notate, listen to, analyze, and describe music and other aural information, using the terminology of music.

Read and Notate Music

- 1.1 Read a full instrument or vocal score and describe how the elements of music are used.

- 1.2 Transcribe simple songs into melodic and rhythmic notation when presented aurally (level of difficulty: 2; scale: 1–6).
- 1.3 Sight-read music accurately and expressively (level of difficulty: 4; scale: 1–6).

Listen to, Analyze, and Describe Music

- 1.4 Analyze and describe significant music events perceived and remembered in a given aural example.
- 1.5 Analyze and describe the use of music elements in a given work that makes it unique, interesting, and expressive.
- 1.6 Compare and contrast the use of form, both past and present, in a varied repertoire of music from diverse genres, styles, and cultures.

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Apply Vocal or Instrumental Skills

- 2.1 Sing a repertoire of vocal literature representing various genres, styles and cultures with expression, technical accuracy, tone quality, vowel shape and articulation—written and memorized; by oneself and in ensembles (level of difficulty: 5; scale: 1–6).
- 2.2 Sing music written in four parts with and without accompaniment.

- 2.3 Sing in small ensembles with one on a part (level of difficulty: 5; scale: 1–6).
- 2.4 Perform on an instrument a repertoire of instrumental literature representing various genres, styles, and cultures with expression, technical accuracy, tone quality, and articulation—by oneself and in ensembles (level of difficulty: 5; scale: 1–6).
- 2.5 Perform in small instrumental ensembles with one on a part (level of difficulty: 5; scale: 1–6).

Compose, Arrange, and Improve

- 2.6 Compose music in distinct styles.
- 2.7 Compose and arrange music for various combinations of voice, acoustic, and digital/electronic instruments, using appropriate ranges and traditional and nontraditional sound sources.
- 2.8 Create melodic and rhythmic improvisations in a style or genre within a music culture (e.g., Gamelan, Jazz, and India).

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Role of Music

- 3.1 Analyze how the roles of musicians and composers have changed or remained the same throughout history.

- 3.2 Identify uses of music elements in nontraditional art music (e.g., nontonal, twelve-tone, serial).
- 3.3 Compare and contrast the social function of a variety of music forms in various cultures and time periods.

Diversity of Music

- 3.4 Perform music from a variety of cultures and historical periods.
- 3.5 Compare and contrast instruments from a variety of cultures and historical periods.
- 3.6 Compare and contrast music styles within various popular genres in North America and South America.
- 3.7 Analyze the stylistic features of a given musical work that define its aesthetic traditions and its historical or cultural context.
- 3.8 Compare and contrast music genres or styles that show the influence of two or more cultural traditions.

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Analyze and Critically Assess

- 4.1 Compare and contrast how a composer's intentions result in a work of music and how that music is used.

Derive Meaning

- 4.2 Analyze and explain how and why people in a particular culture use and respond to specific musical works from their own culture.
- 4.3 Compare and contrast the musical means used to create images or evoke feelings and emotions in works of music from various cultures.

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5.0 Connecting and Applying What Is Learned in Music to Learning in Other Art Forms and Subject Areas and to Careers

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Connections and Applications

- 5.1 Explain ways in which the principles and subject matter of music and various disciplines outside the arts are interrelated.
- 5.2 Analyze the process for arranging, underscoring, and composing music for film and video productions.

Careers and Career-Related Skills

- 5.2 Identify and explain the various factors involved in pursuing careers in music.

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