

## Philosophy

The Fairfield Public Schools believe that a comprehensive, sequential, high quality music education is an essential part of a complete and well-rounded education program. The study of music integrates both cognitive and creative skills as well as concepts from multiple disciplines which contribute to the holistic development of every child.

The study of music based on the artistic processes of creating, performing and responding provides multiple opportunities for students to engage in creative problem solving, and utilize critical and analytical thinking skills while also fostering social and emotional skills such as self-confidence, leadership and cooperative learning.

The foundational learning of music skills and concepts provides a pathway for lifelong participation in and appreciation of music and the arts, develops and reinforces essential life skills, and creates well-rounded, artistically literate and culturally aware citizens.

*“I would teach children music, physics, and philosophy; but most importantly music, for the patterns in music and all the arts are the keys to learning.” –Plato*