



The music standards in the elementary years focus on general music knowledge and skills to ensure a solid foundation for the opportunity for more specialized musical study in later years. In each elementary grade, students investigate and perform various music styles and genres, examine the language of music through identifying and writing simple music notation, consider simple musical composition processes, and develop the ability to describe their own musical preferences as well as critique the music of others.

Expectations for 5th Grade Students:

- **Expression of Music (Perform/Present):** Perform notated songs with accuracy and apply teacher, peer feedback and self-reflection to improve musical skills.
- **Creation of Music (Create):** Create melody and accompaniment.
- **Theory of Music (Know/Comprehend):** Identify and demonstrate complex notated patterns using advanced techniques.
- **Aesthetic Valuation of Music (Appreciate and Understand):** Compare music from various cultures and evaluate the quality of a performance.

Throughout 5th Grade You May Find Students:

- Singing and playing songs with accurate rhythm, technique, and timing.
- Modifying a song to fit a certain group of musicians.
- Creating and playing an original song.
- Writing or using music software programs to demonstrate an understanding of a simple piece of music.
- Connecting musical performances to certain cultures, histories, and/or geographic places.
- Evaluating performances using musical terms.