

Enduring Understandings and Essential Questions

Music K-12

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<i>Enduring Understandings</i>	<i>Essential Questions</i>
Elements of Music	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Music is organized sound. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Structure creates order and clarity in music. ◦ The main idea of most musical compositions is expressed through the melody. ◦ Layering two or more simultaneous sounds creates harmony. ◦ Producing a series of sounds of repeated or varied duration creates rhythm. ◦ Timbre adds color and variety to sound. • Good tone quality is created by correct technique. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How is sound organized to make music? • How does the structure of a musical piece create its order and clarity? • How is melody created? • Is there good harmony and bad harmony? • What does harmony add to music? • Can you have rhythm without beat? • Why does each voice and instrument have its own timbre?
Appreciation	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Music is a personal experience. • Different styles of music are all art forms. • All music has value even if it differs from an individual's musical preferences. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How is personal preference for music developed? • What determines a style of music? • Why should we respect music if we don't like the way it sounds? • Is there good and bad music? • How does music elicit emotion?
History and Culture	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Music is a universal language. • Music expresses human experiences and values. • Music expands understanding of the world, its people, and one's self. • History and culture influence music. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How does music communicate? • In what ways have people used music to express their values and describe their experiences? • How do music and history influence each other? • How does culture affect music? • How does one musical style influence another?
Application	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Music is embedded in all aspects of life. • Everyone can perform, create, and respond to music in meaningful ways. • Music serves different purposes. • Each music performance is unique. • Creating and performing music are forms of self expression. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why is music such an integral part of the human experience? • What inspires someone to create a piece of music? • Does a performance have to be public to be meaningful? • What criteria do we use to evaluate a performance? • What makes a significant and meaningful performance? • How does the style of music affect the behavior of the audience?