

Guide to the Glen Ellyn School District 41 Elementary Music Curriculum

First Grade

A Standards-Based Curriculum

The National Core Arts Standards set high expectations for all students in the area of music. District 41's standards are derived from the National Core Arts Standards and describe the skills in which your child should be proficient. There are four overarching practices, to which there are eleven anchor standards aligned:

Creating	Performing	Responding	Connecting
1. Generate and conceptualize artistic ideas and work.	4. Select, analyze, and interpret artistic work for presentation.	7. Perceive and analyze artistic work.	10. Relate artistic ideas and works with societal, cultural, and historical context to deepen understanding.
2. Organize and develop artistic ideas and work.	5. Develop and refine artistic techniques and work for presentation.	8. Interpret intent and meaning in artistic work.	11. Synthesize and relate knowledge and personal experiences to make art.
3. Refine and complete artistic work.	6. Convey meaning through the presentation of artistic work.	9. Apply criteria to evaluate artistic work.	

<http://nationalartsstandards.org>

Specific Skills and Objectives for First Grade

First Grade music lessons are connected to the above National Standards. Following are specific skills and outcomes that your student will work to achieve this year.

Pitch

Sing a variety of songs individually and within a group.
Identify melodic patterns that move up, down, and repeat.
Read, write, and perform three-note (*mi, so, and la*) songs accurately.
Play pitched and non-pitched instruments.

Rhythm

Differentiate between and respond to sounds with steady beat and sounds with no beat.
Read, write, and perform quarter note, eighth note, and quarter rest rhythms.
Explore, use, and identify by sight and sound body percussion and classroom instruments.

Listen/Respond

Participate in movement and singing games.
Play simple accompaniments on instruments.
Listen and move expressively to a variety of music genres and styles.
Identify and respond to musical changes (dynamics, tempo, tone color).
Identify selected orchestral instruments by sight and sound.
Identify and perform AB forms in music (contrasting and repeated sections).

Analyze/Create

Compose rhythmic patterns with quarter notes, eighth notes, and quarter rests.
Improvise musical responses using instruments, body percussion, and movement.
Dramatize songs, stories, and poems.

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Music Grades

Your child will receive two music grades each trimester: a Work Habits grade and a Music Concepts grade.

Music Concepts

Your child's Music Concepts grade will be based on his/her mastery of the music standards. Some of these standards are performance-based skills, and others involve responding to music, understanding concepts, and gaining knowledge.

Students may demonstrate their skills and knowledge in a variety of ways, including:

- * Solo performance
- * Group performance
- * Written work
- * Active response to music (through movement, speaking, writing, drawing, etc.)
- * Projects

Teachers will assign a numeric grade to student work. In performance-based assessment, rubrics will be used to aide in assigning a numeric grade.

Work Habits

Your student receives a Work Habits grade every time he/she attends music class, and these grades are entered weekly in Pinnacle. A student's participation, focus, and use of the district's Learner Characteristics are factors in assigning a Work Habits grade. The rubric for this grade is as follows:

3 (Meeting)	2 (Progressing)	1 (Not Meeting)	4 (Advanced)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">* Good participation.* Listens to and sometimes volunteers to answer questions.* Participates with focus.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">* Not focused.* Does not actively listen or participate.* Causes minor disruption to class.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">* Causes major or repeated disruption to class.* Office referral.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">* Exceptional participation.* Actively answers questions.* Is highly focused.* Goes above and beyond.

For more information:

Please feel free to contact your child's music teacher for information about your child's progress in music class, or visit the music room blog for updates on what your child is doing and learning in class.

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