

# K-2 Music Unit 4 (Expressive Elements)

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## Unit Overview

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In this unit, students will explore the elements of **Dynamics, Articulation, Style, and Timbre (Tone Color)** as they are found in a variety of cultures and historical periods. Teachers will develop students' knowledge of these musical elements by leading them through the Artistic Processes: Creating, Performing, Responding, and Connecting. Within these processes, students learn to think like musicians utilizing the practices relevant to the musical task-at-hand. Using varied media, instructional approaches, and assessment strategies, teachers will facilitate student learning toward being able to communicate with basic literacy in the discipline. Demonstrated growth in each process will be measured based on specific performance expectations connected to the Anchor Standards.

As stated in the NJ Student Learning Standards our mission is “To empower students to develop creative and critical thinking, social-emotional competencies, and intellectual and expressive abilities that will allow them to become active, contributing members of a global society.”

## Standards

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### ARTISTIC PROCESS: CREATING

*Anchor Standard 1: Generating and conceptualizing ideas.*

**Enduring Understanding:** The creative ideas, concepts and feelings that influence musicians' work emerge from a variety of sources.

**Essential Question:** How do musicians generate creative ideas?

**Practice:** Imagine

**Performance Expectations:**

1.3A.2.Cr1a: Explore, create and improvise musical ideas using rhythmic and melodic patterns in various meters and tonalities.

*Anchor Standard 2: Organizing and developing ideas.*

**Enduring Understanding:** Musicians' creative choices are influenced by their expertise, context and

expressive intent.

**Essential Question:** How do musicians make creative decisions?

**Practices:** Plan, Make

**Performance Expectations:**

1.3A.2.Cr2a: Demonstrate and explain personal reasons for selecting patterns and ideas for music that represent expressive intent.

1.3A.2.Cr2b: Use iconic or standard notation and/or recording technology to organize and document personal musical ideas.

*Anchor Standard 3: Refining and completing products.*

**Enduring Understanding:** Musicians evaluate and refine their work through openness to new ideas, persistence and the application of appropriate criteria.

**Essential Question:** How do musicians improve the quality of their creative work?

**Practices:** Evaluate, Refine

**Performance Expectations:**

1.3A.2.Cr3a: Interpret and apply personal, peer and teacher feedback to revise personal music.

1.3A.2.Cr3b: Convey expressive intent for a specific purpose by presenting a final version of musical ideas to peers or informal audience.

## **ARTISTIC PROCESS: PERFORMING**

*Anchor Standard 4: Selecting, analyzing, and interpreting work.*

**Enduring Understanding:** Performers' interest in and knowledge of musical works, understanding of their own technical skill, and the context for a performance influence the selection of repertoire.

**Essential Question:** How do performers select repertoire?

**Practices:** Select, Analyze, Interpret

**Performance Expectations:**

1.3A.2.Pr4a: Demonstrate and explain personal interest in, knowledge about, and purpose of varied musical selections.

*Anchor Standard 5: Developing and refining techniques and models or steps needed to create products.*

**Enduring Understanding:** To express their musical ideas, musicians analyze, evaluate and refine their performance over time through openness to new ideas, persistence and the application of appropriate criteria.

**Essential Question:** How do musicians improve the quality of their performance?

**Practices:** Rehearse, Evaluate, Refine

**Performance Expectations:**

1.3A.2.Pr5a: Apply established criteria to judge the accuracy, expressiveness and effectiveness of performance.

1.3A.2.Pr5b: Rehearse, identify and apply strategies to address interpretive, performance and technical challenges of music.

1.3A.2.Pr5c: Demonstrate knowledge of basic music concepts (e.g. tonality and meter) in music from a variety of cultures selected for performance.

1.3A.2.Pr5d: When analyzing selected music, read and perform rhythmic and melodic patterns using iconic or standard notation.

1.3A.2.Pr5e: Demonstrate understanding of basic expressive qualities (e.g., dynamics, tempo) and how creators use them to convey expressive intent.

*Anchor Standard 6: Conveying meaning through art.*

**Enduring Understanding:** Musicians judge performance based on criteria that vary across time, place and cultures. The context and how a work is presented influence audience response.

**Essential Question:** When is a performance judged ready to present? How do context and the manner in which musical work is presented influence audience response?

**Practice:** Present

**Performance Expectations:**

1.3A.2.Pr6a: Perform music for a specific purpose with expression and technical accuracy.

1.3A.2.Pr6b: Perform appropriately for the audience and purpose.

## **ARTISTIC PROCESS: RESPONDING**

*Anchor Standard 7: Perceiving and analyzing products.*

**Enduring Understandings:** Individuals' selection of musical works is influenced by their interests,

experiences, understandings, and purposes. Response to music is informed by analyzing context (e.g., social, cultural, historical) and how creator(s) or performer(s) manipulate the elements of music.

**Essential Questions:** How do individuals choose music to experience? How does understanding the structure and context of music inform a response?

**Practices:** Select, Analyze

**Performance Expectations:**

1.3A.2.Re7a: Demonstrate and explain how personal interests and experiences influence musical selection for specific purposes.

1.3A.2.Re7b: Describe how specific music concepts are used to support a specific purpose in music.

*Anchor Standard 8: Interpreting intent and meaning.*

**Enduring Understanding:** Through their use of elements and structures of music, creators and performers provide clues to their expressive intent.

**Essential Question:** How do we discern the musical creators' and performers' expressive intent?

**Practice:** Interpret

**Performance Expectations:**

1.3A.2.Re8a: Demonstrate basic knowledge of music concepts and how they support creators'/performers' expressive intent.

*Anchor Standard 9: Applying criteria to evaluate products.*

**Enduring Understanding:** The personal evaluation of musical work(s) and performance(s) is informed by analysis, interpretation, and established criteria.

**Essential Question:** How do we judge the quality of musical work(s) and performance(s)?

**Practices:** Evaluate

**Performance Expectations:**

1.3A.2.Re9a: Apply personal and expressive preferences in the evaluation of music.

## **ARTISTIC PROCESS: CONNECTING**

*Anchor Standard 10: Synthesizing and relating knowledge and personal experiences to create products.*

**Enduring Understanding:** Musicians connect their personal interests, experiences, ideas, and knowledge to creating, performing, and responding.

**Essential Question:** How do musicians make meaningful connections to creating, performing, and responding?

**Practice:** Interconnection

**Performance Expectations:**

1.3A.2.Cn10a: Demonstrate how interests, knowledge and skills relate to personal choices and intent when creating, performing and responding to music.

This Performance Expectation is embedded in the following Artistic Processes: 1.3A.2.Cr2a, 1.3A.2.Cr3b, 1.3A.2.Pr5e, 1.3A.2.Re7a

*Anchor Standard 11: Relating artistic ideas and works within societal, cultural, and historical contexts to deepen understanding.*

**Enduring Understanding:** Musicians connect their personal interests, experiences, ideas, and knowledge to creating, performing, and responding.

**Essential Question:** How do the other arts, other disciplines, contexts, and daily life inform creating, performing, and responding to music?

**Practice:** Interconnection

**Performance Expectations:**

1.3A.2.Cn11a: Demonstrate understanding of relationships between music and the other arts, other disciplines, varied contexts, and daily life.

This Performance Expectation is embedded in the following Artistic Processes: 1.3A.2.Cr2a, 1.3A.2.Cr3b, 1.3A.2.Pr5e, 1.3A.2.Re7a

## **Exemplar Learning Activities**

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### CREATING

- Within a framework of four beats repeated, students perform an improvised rhythmic pattern (possibly as an introduction, as a bridge, or as a call and response).
- Make decisions to add dynamics to simple rhythmic and melodic compositions.
- Improvise simple rhythmic accompaniments.

- Use of grade level rhythms appropriate for age and development.

## PERFORMING

- Perform pieces using contrasting dynamic levels and articulations.
- Choose multiple unpitched percussion instruments to perform a rhythmic piece or accompaniment.
- With guidance from the teacher, perform using the same selection using contrasting expressive elements to decide which is best.
- Perform with expression considering the context, purpose, intent, and technical elements contained within the musical selection.
- Students will perform age/developmentally appropriate repertoire and will reflect on their performance through guided questions from the teacher.
- Student reflects on his or her performance and adjusts the performance with reasons for the adjustments and presents changes in future performances.
- Students will reflect on their performance based on questioning from the teacher and through discussion about the technical aspects of their performance.

## RESPONDING

- Recognize and differentiate between the characteristics of instruments and voices when listening to a piece of music.
- Students will demonstrate through movement their responses to music and will be able to articulate at an age/developmentally appropriate level why they made their movement choices based on the music they heard.
- Students can discuss, using musical vocabulary, the characteristics of the music they hear and/or perform.

## CONNECTING

- Teachers will choose age/developmentally appropriate repertoire and discuss the characteristics of the music in age/developmentally appropriate language and will guide the students to select and state preferences for the music used in the classroom.
- Students will be able to discuss, using age/developmentally appropriate musical language, what sort of music they like personally and why.
- Students create music to evoke an emotion, imitate styles, or make a connection to something in their life.

## **Materials**

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### **Core Materials:**

- Music K-8
- Music Textbook Series
- MusicPlay Online
- Singing Games & Dances Collections
- *Purposeful Pathways* Volumes
- *Music for Children* Volumes & Supplemental books
- Quaver Music
- Instruments
- Manipulatives

### **Supplemental Materials:**

- New Jersey Music Educators Association
- National Association for Music Education
- [www.NAFME.org](http://www.NAFME.org)
- American Orff Schulwerk Association
- <https://selarts.org/>
- Noteflight Learn
- Soundtrap
- Google Chrome Music Lab
- Incredibox

## **Technology**

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### **Technology Literacy**

- 9.4.2.TL.1: Identify the basic features of a digital tool and explain the purpose of the tool (e.g., 8.2.2.ED.1).
- 9.4.2.TL.2: Create a document using a word processing application.
- 9.4.2.TL.3: Enter information into a spreadsheet and sort the information.
- 9.4.2.TL.4: Navigate a virtual space to build context and describe the visual content.
- 9.4.2.TL.5: Describe the difference between real and virtual experiences.
- 9.4.2.TL.6: Illustrate and communicate ideas and stories using multiple digital tools (e.g., SL.2.5.).

### **Technology - Computing Systems**

- 8.1.2.CS.1: Select and operate computing devices that perform a variety of tasks accurately and quickly based on user needs and preferences.

### **Technology - Data & Analysis**

- 8.1.2.DA.1: Collect and present data, including climate change data, in various visual formats.
- 8.1.2.DA.3: Identify and describe patterns in data visualizations.

### **Technology - Algorithms & Programming**

- 8.1.2.AP.3: Create programs with sequences and simple loops to accomplish tasks.
- 8.1.2.AP.4: Break down a task into sequence of steps.

## **Evidence of Learning/Assessment**

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### **Formative Assessment**

- Teacher Observation
- Exit Tickets
- Peer Assessment
- Self-Assessment

### **Summative Assessment**

- Rubrics
- Peer Assessment
- Self-Assessment

## **Accommodations & Modifications**

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### **Special Education**

#### **Follow IEP Plan which may contain some of the following examples...**

- In-class support with special ed assistant
- Preferred seating
- Questions read aloud
- Extended time for completing tasks
- Graphic organizers
- Vocabulary support
- Mnemonic devices
- Songs/videos to reinforce concepts
- Limit the number of questions
- Scribe



**Follow 504 Plan which may contain some of the following examples...**

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**ELL**

- Translation device/dictionary
- In class/ support with special ed assistant
- Preferred seating
- Questions read aloud
- Extended time for completing tasks
- Graphic organizers
- Vocabulary support
- Mnemonic devices
- Songs/videos to reinforce concepts
- Limit number of questions
- Scribe

## **At-risk of Failure**

- Extra time during the intervention period
- In-class/pull-out support with special ed teacher
- Additional time during intervention time
- Preferred seating
- Questions read aloud
- Extended time for completing tasks
- Graphic organizers
- Vocabulary support
- Mnemonic devices
- Songs/videos to reinforce concepts
- Study Guides
- Limit the number of questions
- Scribe

## **Gifted & Talented**

- Independent projects
- STEAM Projects
- Leveled Reading with Newsela

## **Interdisciplinary Connections**

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### **Connections to NJSLs - English Language Arts**

- RI.2.1 Ask and answer such questions as who, what, where, when, why, and how to demonstrate understanding of key details in a text. (2-PS1-4)
- RI.2.3 Describe the connection between a series of historical events, scientific ideas or concepts, or steps in technical procedures in a text. (2-PS1-4)
- W.2.8 Recall information from experiences or gather information from provided sources to answer a question. (2-PS1-1), (2-PS1-2), (2-PS1-3)

### **Connections to NJSLs - Mathematics**

- MP.2 Reason abstractly and quantitatively. (2-PS1-2)
- MP.4 Model with mathematics. (2-PS1-1), (2-PS1-2)
- MP.5 Use appropriate tools strategically. (2-PS1-2)

### **Connections to NJSLS - Science**

- 2-LS4-1 Make observations of plants and animals to compare the diversity of life in different habitats.
- K-2-ETS1-1 Ask questions, make observations, and gather information about a situation people want to change (e.g., climate change) to define a simple problem that can be solved through the development of a new or improved object or tool.
- K-2-ETS1-2 Develop a simple sketch, drawing, or physical model to illustrate how the shape of an object helps it function as needed to solve a given problem

### **Connections to NJSLS - Social Studies**

- 6.1.2.Geo.HE.2: Describe how human activities affect the culture and environmental characteristics of places or regions (e.g., transportation, housing, dietary needs).
- 6.1.2.Geo.GI.2: Use technology to understand the culture and physical characteristics of regions.

### **Climate Change: Technology - Effects on the Natural World**

- 8.2.2.ETW.1: Classify products as resulting from nature or produced as a result of technology.
- 8.2.2.ETW.2: Identify the natural resources needed to create a product.
- 8.2.2.ETW.3: Describe or model the system used for recycling technology.
- 8.2.2.ETW.4: Explain how the disposal of or reusing a product affects the local and global.

#### **Amistad Law:**

N.J.S.A. 18A 52:16A-88 Every board of education shall incorporate the information regarding the contributions of African-Americans to our country in an appropriate place in the curriculum of elementary and secondary school students.

#### **Holocaust Law:**

N.J.S.A. 18A:35-28 Every board of education shall include instruction on the Holocaust and genocides in an appropriate place in the curriculum of all elementary and secondary school pupils. The instruction shall further emphasize the personal responsibility that each citizen bears to fight racism and hatred whenever and wherever it happens.

#### **Asian American and Pacific Islander Studies Legislation:**

Every board of education shall incorporate the information regarding the contributions of Asian American and Pacific Islander musicians to our country in an appropriate place in the curriculum of elementary and secondary school students.

#### **DEI**

Beginning in the 2021-2022 school year, each school district shall incorporate instruction on diversity and inclusion in an appropriate place in the curriculum of students in grades kindergarten through 12 as part of the district's implementation of the New Jersey Student Learning Standards P.L.

DA.K-2.1.1.2.Cr1a	Demonstrate movement in response to a variety of sensory stimuli (e.g., music, imagery, objects) and suggest additional sources for movement ideas.
DA.K-2.1.1.2.Cr1b	Combine movements using the elements of dance to solve a movement problem.
DA.K-2.1.1.2.Cr2a	Create a movement sequence with a beginning, middle and end. Incorporate the use of a choreographic device.
DA.K-2.1.1.2.Cr2b	Develop a dance study by selecting a specific movement vocabulary to communicate a main idea. Discuss how the dance communicates nonverbally.
DA.K-2.1.1.2.Cr3a	Explore suggestions and make choices to change movement from guided improvisation and/or short remembered sequences.
DA.K-2.1.1.2.Pr4b	Perform planned and improvised movement sequences, with variations in tempo, meter, and rhythm, alone and in small groups.
DA.K-2.1.1.2.Pr5e	Explore locomotor action vocabulary (e.g., gallop, hop, slide, skip) and non-locomotor action vocabulary (e.g., bending, stretching, twisting) and execute codified movements from various styles/genres with genre specific alignment. Demonstrate, through focused practice and repetition (e.g., breath control, body part initiations, body sequencing).
DA.K-2.1.1.2.Re7a	Demonstrate movements in a dance that develop patterns.
DA.K-2.1.1.2.Cn10a	Examine how certain movements are used to express an emotion or experience in a dance that is observed or performed.
DA.K-2.1.1.2.Cn11a	Observe a dance and relate the movement to the people or environment in which the dance was created and performed.

## **Career Readiness, Life Literacies, and Key Skills**

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### **Critical Thinking and Problem Solving:**

- 9.4.2.CT.1: Gather information about an issue, such as climate change, and collaboratively brainstorm ways to solve the problem (e.g., K-2-ETS1-1, 6.3.2.GeoGI.2).
- 9.4.2.CT.2: Identify possible approaches and resources to execute a plan (e.g., 1.2.2.CR1b, 8.2.2.ED.3).
- 9.4.2.CT.3: Use a variety of types of thinking to solve problems (e.g., inductive, deductive).

## **Career Ready Practices**

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- CRP6. Demonstrate creativity and innovation.

- CRP8. Utilize critical thinking to make sense of problems and persevere in solving them.