

# 8 Music Unit 2 Pitch Melody and Harmony

Content Area: **Visual & Performing Arts**  
Course(s):  
Time Period: **Marking Period 1**  
Length: **6 days**  
Status: **Published**

## Unit Overview

---

In this unit, students will explore the elements of **Pitch, Melody and Harmony** 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 confidence 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

---

### 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.8.Cr1a: Generate and improvise rhythmic, melodic and harmonic phrases and harmonic accompaniments within basic forms (e.g., AB, ABA, Theme & Variations) and expanded forms (e.g., introductions, transitions, codas) that convey expressive intent. Explain connection to specific purpose and context (e.g., social, cultural, historical).

*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.8.Cr2a: Select, organize and document personal musical ideas for arrangements, songs and compositions within expanded forms that demonstrate concepts such as tension and release, unity and variety, balance, and convey expressive intent.

1.3A.8.Cr2b: Use standard and/or iconic notation and/or recording technology to document personal rhythmic phrases, melodic phrases and harmonic sequences.

*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.8.Cr3a: Evaluate, refine and explain their own work by selecting and applying criteria including appropriate application of elements of music, compositional techniques, style and form, and use of sound sources.

1.3A.8.Cr3b: Present the final versions of documented personally and collaboratively created music that demonstrates craftsmanship and originality to others. Apply compositional techniques to achieve unity and variety, tension and release, and balance to convey expressive intent.

**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.8.Pr4a: Apply collaboratively and personally developed criteria for selecting music of contrasting styles for performance and explain expressive qualities, technical challenges and reasons for choices.

1.3A.8.Pr4b: Compare the structure of contrasting pieces of music selected for performance, explaining how the elements of music are used in each.

1.3A.8.Pr4c: Analyze selected music by sight-reading in treble or bass clef using simple rhythmic, melodic and/or harmonic notation.

1.3A.8.P4d: Identify and explain how cultural and historical context inform performances and result in different musical effects.

1.3A.8.Pr4e: Perform contrasting pieces of music, demonstrating as well as explaining how the music's intent is conveyed by their interpretations of the elements of music and expressive qualities (e.g., dynamics, tempo, timbre, articulation/style, phrasing).

*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.8.Pr5a: Identify and apply personally developed criteria (e.g., demonstrating correct interpretation of notation, technical skill of performer, originality, emotional impact, variety, interest) to rehearse, refine and determine when the music is ready to perform.

*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.8.Pr6a: Perform music with technical accuracy, stylistic expression and culturally authentic practices to convey the creator's intent.

1.3A.8.Pr6b: Demonstrate performance decorum (e.g., stage presence, attire, behavior) and audience etiquette appropriate for venue, purpose, context, and style.

## **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.8.Re7a: Select programs of music (e.g., a playlist, live performance) and demonstrate the connections to an interest or experience for a specific purpose.

1.3A.8.Re7b: Classify and compare how the elements of music and expressive qualities relate to the structure within programs of music (e.g., a playlist, live performance).

1.3A.8.Re7c: Identify and compare the context of programs of music from a variety of genres, cultures and historical periods.

*Anchor Standard 8: 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.8.Re8a: Apply appropriate personally developed criteria to evaluate musical works or performances.

*Anchor Standard 9: 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.8.Re9a: Support with evidence personal interpretation of contrasting programs of music and explain how the application of the elements of music and expressive qualities, within genres, cultures and historical periods convey expressive intent.

**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.8.Cn10a: Demonstrate how interests, knowledge and skills related to personal choices and intent when creating, performing, and responding to music.

This Performance Expectation is embedded in the following Artistic Processes: 1.3A.8.Cr2a, 1.3A.8.Cr3b, 1.3A.8.Pr4e, 1.3A.8.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.8.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.8.Cr2a, 1.3A.8.Cr3b, 1.3A.8.Pr4e, 1.3A.8.Re7a

## Materials

---

### Core Materials:

- keyboards
- Manipulatives
- recordings
- Soundtrap

### 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

---

### Digital Citizenship

**9.4.8.DC.1: Analyze the resource citations in online materials for proper use.**

**9.4.8.DC.2: Provide appropriate citation and attribution elements when creating media products (e.g., W.6.8).**

**9.4.8.DC.3: Describe tradeoffs between allowing information to be public (e.g., recordings) versus keeping information private and secure.**

### Global Awareness

- **9.4.8.GCA.1: Model how to navigate cultural differences with sensitivity and respect (e.g., 1.5.8.C1a).**
- **9.4.8.GCA.2: Demonstrate openness to diverse ideas and perspectives through active discussions to achieve a group goal.**

## **Evidence of Learning/Assessment**

---

### **Formative Assessment**

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

### **Summative Assessment**

- Rubrics
- Peer Assessment
- Self-Assessment

## **Accommodations & Modifications**

---

### **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...**

- In-class support with special 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

**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**

---

### **Connections to NJSL - Mathematics**

- Reason abstractly and quantitatively.
- Model with mathematics.

### **Connections to NJSL - Science**

- Relation of pitch to frequency

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

- Use of different songs and melodies as they relate to various global cultures

## **Connection to NJDOE SEL Competencies**

- Self-Awareness
- Self-Management
- Social Awareness
- Responsible Decision-Making
- Relationship Skills

### **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. 2021 Ch 32.

### **GRADE 7-8 ONLY LGBT and Disabilities Law:**

N.J.S.A. 18A:35-4.35 A board of education shall include instruction on the political, economic, and social contributions of persons with disabilities and lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people, in an appropriate place in the curriculum of middle school and high school students as part of the district's implementation of the New Jersey Student Learning Standards (N.J.S.A.18A:35-4.36) A board of education shall have policies and procedures in place pertaining to the selection of instructional materials to implement the requirements of N.J.S.A. 18A:35-4.35.

[NJ Curriculum Mandates: Galloway Teacher Resource Crosswalk](#)

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

---

**Critical Thinking and Problem Solving:**

- Identify intervals, distance between pitch,
- Create simple melodies implementing melody writing skills

**Career Ready Practices**

---

- CRP6. Demonstrate creativity and innovation.
- CRP8. Utilize critical thinking to make sense of problems and persevere in solving them.