

# 01 - Chapter 4 - Find the Beat, Feel the Rhythm

Content Area: **Music**  
Course(s):  
Time Period: **Full Year**  
Length: **6-8 Weeks**  
Status: **Published**

## **General Overview, Course Description or Course Philosophy**

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Music Appreciation - Grade 8 is a course based on the study of how music influences history, culture and societies around the world. Students explore music from a sociological perspective and trace the history and influence music has on cultures. Students gain a basic knowledge of music notation and develop a vocabulary with which to discuss music elements and characteristics.

## **OBJECTIVES, ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS, ENDURING UNDERSTANDINGS**

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- All forms of music have a rhythmic component that can be found as far back as thousands of years ago.

## **CONTENT AREA STANDARDS**

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MU.6-8.1.3A.8.Cn11	Relating artistic ideas and works within societal, cultural and historical contexts to deepen understanding.
MU.6-8.1.3A.8.Pr4b	Compare the structure of contrasting pieces of music selected for performance, explaining how the elements of music are used in each.
MU.6-8.1.3A.8.Pr4d	Identify and explain how cultural and historical context inform performances and result in different musical effects.
MU.6-8.1.3A.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.
MU.6-8.1.3A.8.Re8a	Apply appropriate personally developed criteria to evaluate musical works or performances.
MU.6-8.1.3A.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.

## **RELATED STANDARDS (Technology, 21st Century Life & Careers, ELA Companion Standards are Required)**

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CS.K-2.8.2.2.EC.1	Identify and compare technology used in different schools, communities, regions, and parts of the world.
DA.PK.4.4	View dance from other countries and cultures.

LA.L.8.1	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
LA.K-12.NJSLSA.L1	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
LA.K-12.NJSLSA.L4	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases by using context clues, analyzing meaningful word parts, and consulting general and specialized reference materials, as appropriate.
LA.K-12.NJSLSA.W4	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
LA.K-12.NJSLSA.R10	Read and comprehend complex literary and informational texts independently and proficiently with scaffolding as needed.
LA.K-12.NJSLSA.SL1	Prepare for and participate effectively in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse partners, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
WRK.9.2.8.CAP.4	Explain how an individual's online behavior (e.g., social networking, photo exchanges, video postings) may impact opportunities for employment or advancement.
WRK.9.2.8.CAP.9	Analyze how a variety of activities related to career preparation (e.g., volunteering, apprenticeships, structured learning experiences, dual enrollment, job search, scholarships) impacts post-secondary options.
AAAA.K-12.2.7.6	Interpret materials related to the arts, such as fine art, music, drama, and film
AAAA.K-12.2.7.9	Identify similarities and differences between cultures and how these affect interpersonal and social relations and adaptation to a new cultural environment
TECH.K-12.1.4.a	know and use a deliberate design process for generating ideas, testing theories, creating innovative artifacts or solving authentic problems.
TECH.K-12.1.4.d	exhibit a tolerance for ambiguity, perseverance and the capacity to work with open-ended problems.
TECH.K-12.1.6.b	create original works or responsibly repurpose or remix digital resources into new creations.
TECH.K-12.1.7.c	contribute constructively to project teams, assuming various roles and responsibilities to work effectively toward a common goal.

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## **STUDENT LEARNING TARGETS**

Refer to the 'Declarative Knowledge' and 'Procedural Knowledge' sections.

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### **Declarative Knowledge**

Students will understand that:

- Metric patterns can be found in music.
- Layering and coordinating rhythms create more complex music.
- Music Notation was invented to give a mathematical value and written symbol to the rhythms produced over time.
- Syncopation is the emphasis of music on a weak beat.
- Dance is influenced by rhythm.

## **Procedural Knowledge**

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Students will be able to:

- Perform notated rhythms in unison and in several parts.
- Compose rhythms using music notation.
- Read and perform the written notation to create a performance.
- Evaluate and critique other student's compositions for correctness and validity of performance.
- Distinguish different types of percussive instruments.
- Improvise over a group composition with ostinato.

## **EVIDENCE OF LEARNING**

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Refer to the 'Formative Assessments' and 'Summative Assessments' sections.

## **Alternate Assessments**

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- Teacher/Student Conferences
- Portfolios
- Group Projects

## **Formative Assessments**

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- Aural and Visual Identification
- Improvisation and Composition
- Class Notes Creation
- Class Discussions
- Student Generated Questioning

## **Summative Assessments**

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- Class compositions
- Rhythmic performance
- Chapter Summative Test

## **RESOURCES (Instructional, Supplemental, Intervention Materials)**

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### **Primary Texts**

DeGraffenreid, Fowler, Gerber, and Lawrence. Music! It's Role and Importance in Our Lives. New York: The McGraw-Hill Companies, Inc, 2006.

### **Technology Aids**

- Live Performances for Critique and Understanding - [Youtube](#)
- Interactive Music Theory exercises at [Music Theory. Net](#)

## **INTERDISCIPLINARY CONNECTIONS**

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Visual Performing Arts: Music Appreciation

Career Readiness: Applicable career options are discussed as they arise throughout the course

Social Studies: Current Events and Historical Research

Technology/Multimedia: Google and Research Based Writing

English/Language Arts: Implementation of conventions of Standard English

## **ACCOMMODATIONS & MODIFICATIONS FOR SUBGROUPS**

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See link to Accommodations & Modifications document in course folder.