

## **Course Description**

### **Grade 1 General/Vocal Music**

**Philosophy Statement:** God created the world with innumerable sounds. Since the beginning God has given music to mankind to enrich lives and to enhance man's expression of love to his Creator. The Bible gives several instances when men and women glorify and praise God through singing and the use of instruments. Through the study of and performance of music, students can focus their gifts and talents into expressions that reflect His beauty. Music is a gift from God.

**Course Objective:** Students will participate in a wide range of musical experiences including performance in a Christmas program, rhythmic speech, movement, games, singing, playing pitched and unpitched percussion instruments, improvisation, composition, recognizing music terms, listening to and recognizing various styles of composers and their music.

**Textbooks:** None

**Materials:**

- Various hand-outs
- Classroom percussion instruments (non-melodic and melodic)

**Time Allotment:** 40 minutes once every three days

**Course Content:**

- Orchestra Family
- Music Appreciation
- Music Theory
- Music Terms
- Solfege, Curwin hand-signs and sight reading

**Areas to be evaluated:**

- Classroom Participation
- Recognition of various music terms
- Basic rhythmic note reading

**Additional activities:**

- Christmas Program
- Spring Classroom Presentation/"Informance"