

Course Description

Grade 3 Elementary 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 performing a musical, playing classroom percussion instruments, moving responsively to music, recognizing and reviewing various styles of composers and their music, recognizing music terms, improvising and composing music. Students will demonstrate proper singing technique.

Textbooks: None

Materials:

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

Time Allotment: 40 minutes once every three days

Course Content:

- Review Orchestra and Instrument Families
- Music Appreciation
- Music Theory
- Music Terminology
- Solfege, Curwin hand-signs and sight singing

Areas to be evaluated:

- Classroom Participation
- Recognition of various terms, composers and their works
- Playing a steady beat
- Playing accompaniments of barred instruments
- Speak, write, read and play basic rhythmic patterns
- Matching pitch with singing voice; echoing simple short rhythmic and melodic patterns

Additional activities:

- Christmas Musical
- Attend Nutcracker Ballet at Des Moines Civic Center
- Spring Classroom Informance