

Curriculum

Music is a core subject in California schools. FGL music teachers base their curriculum on both the California State Music Standards and the new Common Core Arts Standards. The FGL Music team will also integrate their students' lessons in other subjects into their instruction when feasible. The SDUSD VAPA department has developed Core Learnings from these standards that reflect the programs it's developed.



Music:

Artistic Perception

Processing, analyzing, and responding to sensory information through language and skills unique to the discipline.

Creative Expression

Creation, performance and participation in the discipline.

Historical and Cultural Context

Understanding historical contributions and cultural dimensions of the discipline.

Aesthetic Valuing

Responding to, analyzing, and making judgments about works of art.

Connections, Relationships, Applications

Connecting and applying what is learned in the discipline to other art forms and subject areas and to careers.

Full Grade Level Music





Why study music?

Music is a core subject and required by the state of California. Participation in music and the arts allows one to be more well-rounded; able to cooperate with others, and communicate ideas; able to be creative, and solve problems; able to recognize, understand, and appreciate beauty in the world around us. Music has been shown to improve both scores in other subjects, and improves motivation and attendance.



Who is participates?

All of the 4th and 5th grade students at your school.



What are the class choices?

Band, Orchestra and Choir



What instruments can they play?

Flute, clarinet, alto sax, trumpet, trombone, baritone, violin, viola, cello, bass



How do we obtain instruments?

We will provide a list of music stores where instruments and supplies may be obtained. Many may have family members who have instruments at home not being used. If you'd like help obtaining an instrument please contact your music teacher.



Overview

The San Diego Unified School District's Full Grade Level Music Program provides a genuine, hands on experience for *all* upper grade level students of a given elementary school. Students are taught basic fundamentals such as: music notation, pitch and rhythmic concepts, music appreciation; as well as performance skills on their instrument of choice.

The class is taught by a team of three teachers who travel as a group from school to school. Each week the music teachers simultaneously teach the students who are enrolled in one of two choices: Band, or Orchestra. Each student is allowed to choose a first and second choice at the beginning of the year. Most students will play their first choice. They remain on the same instrument throughout the course of both 4th and 5th grades. As students continue to progress and improve, they will be given opportunities to perform in various groups including the District's All-City Honor Band for those who audition and are accepted. By providing all students with equal access to music, we are confident it will help students be more successful in the Arts and encourage them to consider continuing in music programs as they enter middle school and high school, as well as generating a life long appreciation for the Arts as a whole.



Student Expectations

- ◇ Come to class consistently and promptly, with a positive attitude.
- ◇ Bring the instrument and book/music to class every lesson.
Practice (10-20 minutes per day, 4-5 days a week.)
- ◇ Maintain the instrument in good playing condition
(Including necessary oil, reeds, or strings as applicable.)
- ◇ Participate in one or two after school concerts.