# First Grade

Elements & National Core Arts Standards	Contents	Skills & Procedures	Assessment Tools	Essential Questions
Expression  National Core Arts Standards: 1, 2, 3, 7, 8, 9, 11	Dynamics Tempo Articulation Mood	Loud/soft Getting louder/softer Smooth/connected Short/detached Legato/staccato	Direct observations Sing, say, dance, play	What are different kinds of voices we can use? How do different voices make us feel? When I hear soft slow music, how should I respond with my body?
Rhythm  National Core Arts  Standards: 4, 8, 10, 11	Beat Duration Meter Pattern	Fast/slow Getting faster/slower Changes in tempo Identify rhythms using quarter notes, eighth notes, and quarter rests Duple and triple meter Ostinato	Direct observation Sing, say, dance, play Visual manipulatives	Can I think the beat/pulse in your head? How can my body show the pattern of this music? (eg. gallop, march) What is the difference between beat and rhythm? Am I keeping time with the group? How do syllable patterns connect to rhythm patterns? How can I use rhythm blocks to build music?
Form  National Core Arts Standards: 1, 4, 6, 7	Phrase Form Section Form	Same and different phrases (ABA etc.) Question/answer Long and short phrases Counting the number of main beats in a phrase Echo (imitation) Call and response Repetition/contrast Stopping/starting	Visuals Movement Mapping Observe motor Planning/timing	How is sound organized to make music? Why does music have so many rhyming words? How can form help me compose music?
Melody	Pitch and	High/low	Sing and play	Why does music move up and down?

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National Core Arts Standards: 1, 4, 6, 7	Direction Pattern Tonality	Higher/lower Upward/downward Steps, skips and repeated pitches and patterns	Listen Visuals Move Imitate w. accuracy	How can I move my body up and down? How do notes on a staff act like a graph?
Timbre  National Core Arts  Standards: 1, 10, 11	Environmental Vocal Instrumental	Various tone qualities produced by individuals and groups of voices and instruments	Listen and respond Experiment Playing instruments Singing	Why is it good for me to sound like everyone else when I sing/play with a group? Which instruments are appropriate to help tell a story?
Texture/Harmony  National Core Arts Standards: 1, 2, 3, 5, 10	Texture Harmony	Accompaniment/no accompaniment Layers of sound Thick/ thin Play various combinations of percussion instruments Ostinato Bordun	Visuals Playing instruments Listening maps Listen and respond	Does texture mean the same in art class? How many sounds need to be combined to make harmony? How do I sing my part when I am hearing another part?
History/Culture/ Appreciation National Core Arts Standards: 7, 8, 9, 10, 11	Listen to, analyze & describe music	Listen to and identify various vocal styles Seasonal and traditional songs Songs related to core curriculum Sound carpets and sound effects with story books	Discussion/sharing Observations in students' own words	Why is it important for me to listen quietly when someone is performing? Why should I clap at the end of a performance? How can a song tell a story? How do I respond when I hear something unfamiliar?

## Portsmouth School Department: Elementary Music Curriculum Map

## Creating: Conceiving and developing new artistic ideas and work.

- 1. Generate and conceptualize artistic ideas and work.
- 2. Organize and develop artistic ideas and work.
- 3. Refine and complete artistic work.

### Performing: Realizing artistic ideas and work through interpretation and presentation

Presenting: Interpreting and sharing artistic work.

### Producing: Realizing and presenting artistic ideas and work.

- 4. Select, analyze and interpret artistic work for presentation
- 5. Develop and refine artistic techniques and work for presentation
- 6. Convey meaning through the presentation of artistic work.

#### Responding: Understanding and evaluating how the arts convey meaning.

- 7. Perceive and analyze artistic work.
- 8. Interpret intent and meaning in artistic work.
- 9. Apply criteria to evaluate artistic work.

## Connecting: Relating artistic ideas and work with personal meaning and external context.

- 10. Synthesize and relate knowledge and personal experiences to make art.
- 11. Relate artistic ideas and works with societal, cultural and historical context to deepen understanding.