

The Saint Andrew Avellino School Music Curriculum

Kindergarten, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Grades

Goals

Students will be able to:

- Perform music through singing and playing instruments individually and in a group in the classroom and in concerts;
- Use Solfege and Kodaly hand signals to learn and perform music;
- Identify and demonstrate how to play all instruments used in class;
- Demonstrate appropriate audience behavior;
- Describe music using terms discussed in class i.e. loud, soft, fast, slow, high, low, etc. and have a basic understanding of how musical sound is produced;
- Identify and perform a basic repertoire of folk songs and dances.

Units

- I. Folk Songs/ Dances
- II. Kodaly and Orff Methods
- III. Rhythm Band Instruments
- IV. Music/ Instrument Games
Performing in Concert Music in Class

4th, 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th Grades

Goals

Students will be able to:

- Perform music through singing and playing recorders individually and in groups, in the classroom and concerts;
- Read musical notation at a beginner/ advanced beginner level through learning to play the recorder and percussion instruments;
- Identify the musical instruments of the orchestra, the family they belong to and how they produce sound;
- Use resources inside and outside of school (i.e. computers, books, recordings) to develop information on musical instruments, composers and musicians;
- Identify composers studied in class by their background information and recognize their most famous pieces of music;
- Demonstrate appropriate listening and other participatory responses to music of a variety of styles and cultures;
- Analyze and evaluate their own and others' performances by identifying and comparing them with similar works and events;
- Relate music to other broad areas of knowledge and appreciate the role it plays in our culture and their everyday lives.

Units

4th Grade: Beginning Recorder, Introduction to Composers & Instruments of the Orchestra, Carnegie Hall Lessons/ Trip

5th Grade: Recorder, Intro to Composers & Musical Instruments Part II, Carnegie Hall Lessons/ Trip

6th Grade: Recorder, Composers, Multicultural Music & World Instruments, Carnegie Hall Lessons/ Trip

7th Grade: Composers, Multicultural Music & World Instruments Part II

8th Grade: Composers, Styles of Music, Talent Show, Graduation Preparation