

Georgia Performance Standards

Fine Arts

General Music (6-8) Introduction

The Georgia Performance Standards for middle school general music correlate with the National Music Standards designed for middle school general music instruction. The standards engage middle school learners in performance, creation, critical analysis and investigation, and music's relationship to culture and history. Georgia Performance Standards specify the academic knowledge and skills contemporary learners should acquire through general music instruction. Sequential and developmentally appropriate learning in general music generates understanding, mastery, and life-long appreciation for music in middle school learners. This framework provides students with experiences that connect to high quality, comprehensive education, enhancing their achievement throughout the curriculum. Additionally, students may grow to participate, create, or perform in performing arts activities.

GRADE 8

GENERAL MUSIC

A. Skills and Techniques/Performance

M8GM.1 - Singing, alone and with others, a varied repertoire of music

- a. Sing accurately, with good breath control, and attention to tone quality throughout their ranges.
- b. Sing with expression and technical accuracy in unison and simple harmonic settings.
- c. Sing music of diverse genres and cultures, with appropriate representation of culture and style.

M8GM.2 - Performing on instruments, alone and with others, a varied repertoire of music

- a. Perform on at least one instrument accurately and independently, alone and/or in small and large ensembles, with appropriate posture, playing position, technique, and expression.
- b. Play by ear simple melodies and harmonic accompaniments.
- c. Perform music of diverse genres and cultures, with appropriate representation of culture and style.

M8GM.3 - Reading and notating music

- a. Apply standard notation symbols for pitch, rhythm, dynamics, tempo, articulation, and expression.
- b. Read whole, half, quarter, eighth, sixteenth, and dotted notes and rests in simple, compound, and complex meters.
- c. Read at sight simple melodies in both the treble and bass clefs.
- d. Use standard notation to record their musical ideas and the musical ideas of others.

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B. Creation

M8GM.4 - Improvising melodies, variations, and accompaniments

- a. Improvise simple harmonic accompaniments.
- b. Improvise melodic embellishments and simple rhythmic and melodic variations.
- c. Improvise short melodies, unaccompanied and with existing accompaniments. depicting given styles, meters, and tonalities.

M8GM.5- Composing and arranging music within specified guidelines

- a. Compose short pieces of music within specified guidelines, demonstrating how the elements of music are used to achieve unity and variety, tension and release, and balance.
- b. Arrange simple pieces of music within specified guidelines.
- c. Use a variety of traditional and nontraditional sound sources and electronic media when composing and arranging music.

C. Critical Analysis/Investigate

M8GM.6 - Listening to, analyzing, and describing music

- a. Accurately describe specific music events in a given aural example, using appropriate terminology.
- b. Demonstrate knowledge of elements of music through analysis of music which represent diverse genres and cultures.

M8GM.7- Evaluating music and music performances

- a. Critique musical performances and compositions using specific criteria.
- b. Evaluate the quality and effectiveness of their own and other's performances, compositions, and arrangements, implementing constructive suggestions for improvement.
- c. Investigate various uses of music in daily experiences.

D. Cultural and Historical Context

M8GM.8 - Understanding relationships between music, the other arts, and disciplines outside the arts

- a. Compare two or more art forms and their characteristics to describe the transformation of related subject matter into art.
- b. Assess the interrelated principles and subject matter between music and other core curriculum.
- c. Investigate various career paths in music.

M8GM.9 - Understanding music in relation to history and culture

- a. Describe distinguishing characteristics of representative music genres and styles from a variety of cultures.

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- b. Classify exemplary musical works by genre and style and recognize their identifying characteristics.
- c. Compare music of several world cultures identifying the function and role of music, their musicians and their respective performance conditions.
- d. Demonstrate appropriate performance etiquette as a performer and a listener in a variety of performance settings.