Standard 1: Historical and Cultural Contexts

Students demonstrate an understanding of how people and cultures are connected across time. Humanities instruction prepares students to work and live as global citizens because of their greater understanding of their own culture and the cultures of others.

Students in grades K-3 discuss the history, culture, and traditions found in selected musical examples. Students identify ideas and emotions expressed through music and examine how they relate to other disciplines within that culture.

Goal 1.1: Discuss the historical and cultural contexts of music.

Objective(s): By the end of Grade 3, the student will be able to:
K-3.Mu.1.1.1 Name the historical or cultural background of musical selections learned.
K-3.Mu.1.1.2 Identify the country or region of musical selections learned.
K-3.Mu.1.1.3 Recognize characteristics of suitable music for various occasions and traditions.

Goal 1.2: Discuss the interrelationships among visual and performing arts disciplines of music and culture.

Objective(s): By the end of Grade 3, the student will be able to:
K-3.Mu.1.2.1 Identify ideas and emotions that are expressed through music and other disciplines.

Standard 2: Critical Thinking

Students understand the purposes and functions of the arts. They build literacy and develop critical thinking through analysis and interpretation.

Students in grades K-3 differentiate among simple musical forms and identify instrument families and voices. Students discuss preferences for musical examples. Students explain the role of music in their lives.

Goal 2.1: Conduct analyses in music.

Objective(s): By the end of Grade 3, the student will be able to:
K-3.Mu.2.1.1 Examine music as a way to communicate emotions.
K-3.Mu.2.1.2 Use music vocabulary to discuss specific works of music.
K-3.Mu.2.1.3 Identify sounds of different instrument families and voices.
K-3.Mu.2.1.4 Differentiate between simple musical forms when they are heard.
Goal 2.2: Formulate and express opinions about musical performances.

Objective(s): By the end of Grade 3, the student will be able to:

- K-3.Mu.2.2.1 Discuss the importance of music in one's own life.
- K-3.Mu.2.2.2 Discuss preferences for musical examples using familiar musical terms.
- K-3.Mu.2.2.3 Draw conclusions about the meaning of the term "classical music."

Standard 3: Performance

Students engage in the creation of original works and/or the interpretation of works of others, culminating in a performance or presentation.

Students in grades K-3 read and perform simple music notation. Students perform alone and in groups on pitch and in rhythm responding to the conductor. Students create melodic or rhythmic responses using instructor guidelines. Students move to the beat of music.

Goal 3.1: Utilize concepts essential to music.

Objective(s): By the end of Grade 3, the student will be able to:

- K-3.Mu.3.1.1 Sing independently with a clear tone and on pitch.
- K-3.Mu.3.1.2 Identify symbols and notation in music.
- K-3.Mu.3.1.3 Read music notation in simple meters or groupings using a system of symbols, numbers, or letters.

Goal 3.2: Communicate through music, applying artistic concepts, knowledge, and skills.

Objective(s): By the end of Grade 3, the student will be able to:

- K-3.Mu.3.2.1 Identify and perform simple songs from different cultures and genres.
- K-3.Mu.3.2.2 Illustrate group singing and instrumental skills in response to conductor cues.
- K-3.Mu.3.2.3 Echo rhythmic or melodic patterns accurately.
- K-3.Mu.3.2.4 Demonstrate proper behavior for different types of music performances.

Goal 3.3: Communicate through music with creative expression.

Objective(s): By the end of Grade 3, the student will be able to:

- K-3.Mu.3.3.1 Improvise musical "answers" to given rhythmic and/or melodic phrases.
- K-3.Mu.3.3.2 Sing/play a simple melody following a director.
- K-3.Mu.3.3.3 Move to the beat of music in a prescribed manner.