ELEMENTARY GENERAL MUSIC CURRICULUM - Brookings School District

4 th Grade	KEY ELEMENT: Rhythm			
Concept	Benchmark	Assessment	SD Standards	Nat'l Standards
Duration	1. Read and notate rhythm pattern combinations		1.2.A	2a
	using quarter note & rest, paired eighth notes, half		1.2.B	2b
	note & rest, dotted half note, whole note & rest,		1.2.D	2d
	sixteenth notes, syncopation, fermata, and tie		1.2.F	2f
	through:		3.1.A	5d
	Non locomotor movement		3.1.D	
	Playing non pitched percussion		4.1.B	
	Playing recorder			
	Rhythm notation			
	Rhythm dictation			
Meter	1. Read and conduct music in meter in 2, 3, and 4		3.1.A	5a
			3.1.D	6c
	2. Identify bar line, double bar line, measure, and			6e
	meter signature			
Creating	1. Create/improvise simple rhythms through:		2.1.A	3a
	Rhythmic ostinati		2.1.B	3b
	Question and answer		2.2.B	4b
	Composing rhythm patterns			

4 th Grade	KEY ELEMENT: Melody			
Concept	Benchmark	Assessment	SD Standards	Nat'l Standards
Melodic Contour	1. Show recognition of step, leap and repeated	Listen and observe for	3.1.B	5b
	tones.	accurate student response		6c
Pitch	1. Demonstrate <i>do, re, mi, fa, so ,la, ti, do^l,</i>	Listen and observe for	1.1.A	1a
	through:	accurate student response	1.2.A	2a
	• Singing		1.2.E	2b
	• Reading on the music staff		2.1.A	2d
	Movement and hand signs		2.2.B	2e
			3.1.B	3a
	2. Identify the pentatonic scale		4.1.B	4b
				5b
	3. Identify the notes of the treble clef			6c
	• Reinforcement of G, A, B, C, & D through recorder playing			
	4. Compose melodic patterns on the recorder using G, A, B, C, & D			

4 th Grade	KEY ELEMENT: Texture			
Concept	Benchmark	Assessment	SD Standards	Nat'l Standards
Harmony	1. Students will create harmony by performing:		1.1.D	1d
	• Rounds			
	Ostinati			
	Partner Songs			
	• Chords			

4 th Grade	KEY ELEMENT: Form			
Concept	Benchmark	Assessment	SD Standards	Nat'l Standards
Song Structure	1. Compare and contrast phrases/sections of a song	Observe and listen for	1.1.A	1b
	through:	accurate student response	1.1.B	1c
	 Discussion 		4.1.A	6a
	Movement		4.1.C	6e
	• Singing assigned phrases/sections			
	2. Experience various song forms including:		1.1.A	1b
	Call and Response		1.1.B	1c
	Verse and Refrain		4.1.A	6a
	• AB		4.1.C	6e
	• ABA			
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	• Rondo			
	3. Identify:Introduction, Interlude, Coda, Repeat Sign, D.C. al Fine, and Fine		4.1.A	6с

KEY ELEMENT: Timbre/Tone Color			
Benchmark	Assessment	SD Standards	Nat'l Standards
1. Use speaking and singing voice through various		1.1.A	6d
songs, chants and games		1.1.C	1a
		4.1.B	1c
2. Sing independently a simple melodic pattern			1e
with accurate pitch through:			
• Singing games w/ solo response			
1 7 7 7		1.2.A	2a
percussion instruments, and barred instruments		1.2.B	2b
		1.2.D	2d
2. Participate in a recorder unit		4.1.B	6c
		4.1.C	6d
3. Participate in an autoharp unit			
4. Identify and categorize the instruments of the band and orchestra by sight and sound			
	 Use speaking and singing voice through various songs, chants and games Sing independently a simple melodic pattern with accurate pitch through: Singing games w/ solo response Identify by sight and sound various non pitched percussion instruments, and barred instruments Participate in a recorder unit Participate in an autoharp unit 	 Use speaking and singing voice through various songs, chants and games Sing independently a simple melodic pattern with accurate pitch through: Singing games w/ solo response Identify by sight and sound various non pitched percussion instruments, and barred instruments Participate in a recorder unit Participate in an autoharp unit Identify and categorize the instruments of the 	1. Use speaking and singing voice through various songs, chants and games 2. Sing independently a simple melodic pattern with accurate pitch through: • Singing games w/ solo response 1. Identify by sight and sound various non pitched percussion instruments, and barred instruments 2. Participate in a recorder unit 3. Participate in an autoharp unit 4. Identify and categorize the instruments of the

4 th Grade	KEY ELEMENT: Expressive Elements				
Concept	Benchmark	Assessment	SD Standards	Nat'l Standards	
Dynamics	1. Differentiate between loud (forte) and soft		3.1.C	5c	
	(piano)		4.1.B	6c	
	2. Demonstrate getting louder (crescendo) and getting softer (decrescendo)3. Identify accents				
Tempo	1. Differentiate between fast and slow		3.1.C 4.1.B	5c 6c	
Articulation	Distinguish between legato and staccato		3.1.C 4.1.B	5c 6c	

4 th Grade	Curricular/Cultural Connections			
Concept	Benchmark	Assessment	SD Standards	Nat'l Standards
Cultural	1. Experience music from various cultures	No individual assessment.	1.1.C	1c
Connections	through:	The teacher will	1.2.C	2c
	Listening	incorporate songs from	4.1.C	6b
	• Singing	various cultures while	5.2.A	6d
	Movement	teaching musical concepts.	5.2.B	9a
	Playing instruments		5.2.D	9c
	., g		5.2.E	
Curricular	1. Experience music in ways that connect to other	No individual assessment.	5.1.B	8b
Connections	curricular areas such as:	The teacher will		
	Language arts	incorporate songs which		
	Math	reinforce other content		
	History	areas while teaching		
	Science	musical concepts.		