



The Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) pre-K-12 general music curriculum is designed to help students develop the knowledge and skills essential to understanding the following:

- Creating, performing, and responding to music require specific knowledge and skills that may be acquired only through study and practice.
- Music, a distinct art form, shares many principles and concepts with theatre, visual arts, and dance.
- A thorough understanding of music requires knowledge drawn from other disciplines, including math, reading, science, and social studies.
- Music is found in every culture, and musical ability is found in every individual.

The Grade K-5 general music curriculum provides students opportunities to experience music and music-making through three processes: Creating, Performing and Responding. Each week, students at all levels are given the opportunity to sing, dance, and play instruments.

## Choral Music

Chorus is offered to students in Grades 4 and 5 who want to sing and develop their individual and ensemble vocal skills. The choral repertoire includes songs from various styles and genres. Public performances are the culmination of many hours of hard work and help students master the following knowledge and skills:



Students will do the following:

- Sing independently, on pitch and in rhythm, with appropriate diction and posture.
- Perform music in various textures, including unison, partner songs, and two-part harmony.
- Read and perform simple rhythm and pitch patterns, including some at sight.
- Use criteria to evaluate their own and others' performance.
- Demonstrate appropriate audience etiquette.