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Music Learning Expectations: Kindergarten

**Standard:**  
Singing

Students will sing, alone and with others, a varied repertoire of music.

**Big Ideas**

- ❑ Singing is a fundamental and universal form of expression that requires active listening skills.

**Key Outcomes**

- ❑ Students will demonstrate an understanding that **singing involves interaction between both expression and listening** by singing high and low and following oral instructions.

**Standard:**  
Reading and Notation

Students will read music written in standard notation.

**Big Ideas**

- ❑ Musical literacy facilitates musical learning and performance in multiple settings.

**Key Outcomes**

- ❑ Students will demonstrate an understanding that **music literacy facilitates music learning** by reading picture icons that represent musical concepts.

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**Standard:**  
Playing  
Instruments

Students will play instruments, alone and with others, to perform a varied repertoire of music.

**Big Ideas**

- ❑ Instrument playing is a fundamental and universal form of expression.
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**Key Outcomes**

- ❑ Students will demonstrate an understanding that **instrument playing is a form of expression** by playing a steady beat, and by exploring and recognizing sounds and instruments.

**Standard:**  
Improvisation  
And Composition

Students will improvise, compose, and arrange music.

**Big Ideas**

- ❑ Improvisation and composition enable people to express their own musical ideas.
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**Key Outcomes**

- ❑ Students will demonstrate an understanding of **self-expression through improvisation and composition** by creating new words and/or movements to a song.

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**Standard:**  
Critical  
Response

Students will describe and analyze their own music and the music of others using appropriate music vocabulary. When appropriate, students will connect their analysis to interpretation and evaluation.

**Big Ideas**

- ❑ Listening critically causes people to discuss music in meaningful ways.
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**Key Outcomes**

- ❑ Students will demonstrate an understanding of **meaningful music listening** by aurally identifying high vs. low, loud vs. soft, and fast vs. slow patterns.

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**Standard:**  
Purposes and  
Meanings in the  
Arts

Students will describe the purposes for which works of dance, music, theatre, visual arts, and architecture were and are created, and, when appropriate, interpret their meanings.

**Big Ideas**

- ❑ Musical forms originate from the human experience and are created for distinct purposes.

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**Key Outcomes**

- ❑ Students will demonstrate an understanding of **musical purpose** by singing various holiday music throughout the year

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**Standard:**  
Roles of Artists  
in Communities

Students will describe the roles of artists, patrons, cultural organizations, and arts institutions in societies of the past and present

**Big Ideas**

- Artists are an integral and essential part of society.
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**Key Outcomes**

- Students will demonstrate an understanding of **the artist's role in society** by learning a school song written by a member of the school community.

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**Standard:**  
Concepts of  
Style, Stylistic  
Influence, and  
Stylistic Change

Students will demonstrate their understanding of styles, stylistic influence, and stylistic change by identifying when and where art works were created, and by analyzing characteristic features of art works from various historical periods, cultures, and genres.

**Big Ideas**

- Artistic expression reflects its time and culture.
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**Key Outcomes**

- Students will demonstrate an understanding of **the relationship between style and culture** by comparing songs from various countries.

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**Standard:**  
Inventions,  
Technologies,  
and the Arts

Students will describe and analyze how performing and visual artists use and have used materials, inventions, and technologies in their work.

**Big Ideas**

- ❑ Throughout history artists have used varied implements and technologies to create their art work.

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**Key Outcomes**

- ❑ Students will demonstrate an understanding of **technological advances in music** by playing hand-held percussion instruments and aurally describing the unique sounds of each.

**Standard:**  
Interdisciplinary  
Connections

Students will apply their knowledge of the arts to the study of English language arts, foreign languages, health, history and social science, mathematics, and science and technology/engineering.

**Big Ideas**

- ❑ The arts are connected and reflected in all other academic disciplines.

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**Key Outcomes**

- ❑ Students will demonstrate an understanding that **music is an interdisciplinary subject** by singing math counting songs such as “Five Little Monkeys.”