

**COURSE DESCRIPTION**  
**GRADES 3-5**  
**GENERAL MUSIC**

**Philosophy Statement:** God is the great Creator, and creation is God's artwork, through which He communicates His truth and love to mankind. Mankind, being formed in the image of God, created to give Him glory, is imbued with creativity. Through participation in the arts, students discover their God given creative abilities. They will experience God's truth through the arts and learn to express themselves in their individual artistic talents.

**Objectives:** The purpose of this general music class is to increase a student's interest and knowledge of music and how it relates to their lives. Students should leave having an age appropriate understanding of the world of music.

**Textbook:** Orff and Kodaly Adapted for the Elementary School  
By Wheeler and Raebeck  
Recorder Time (3<sup>rd</sup> grade only)  
By Gerald and Sonya Burakoff

**Materials:** Instruments (School Owned and Rented), Music worksheets, Sheet music for performance songs, Recorders and accompanying music, Recorder Time, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade only

**Time Allotment:** 30 minutes, one day a week

**Course Content:** Ear Training  
Vocalizing  
Standard Music Notation Reading  
Music Theory  
Music History (Eras, Composers, etc.)  
Instrument Families  
Orchestration

**Areas to be Evaluated:** Vocal production, Reading music notation,  
Recognizing forms of music by instrumentation and time period,  
Participation

**Additional Activities:** Christmas and spring musical productions,  
Experiencing music through movement/dance