

**Music Department  
Elementary General Music Rubric for  
Standards and Benchmarks  
Rubric**

Category	Basic	Proficient	Advanced
Standard 1, Benchmark 1- Sing Diatonic Melody	Student uses a speaking voice or sings more than 50% of the pitches incorrectly.	Student sings diatonic melody in tune using an appropriate voice.	Student not only sings in tune, but also demonstrates excellent tone quality for his/her age.
Standard 1, Benchmark 2 – Perform Rhythmic Patterns	Student cannot perform pattern without help from the teacher.	Student performs the pattern correctly without help from the teacher.	Student is not only correct, but also performs the pattern fluently.
Standard 3 – Create Music	Student has great trouble composing or improvising music, and needs much help from the teacher.	Given a framework, student can compose or improvise music and perform it correctly.	Student is able to write or improvise creative pieces of music in various styles showing creativity above most students.
Standard 4, Benchmark 1 – Forms Opinions About Music	Student may have an opinion about music, but is unable to support it with valid criteria.	Student expresses valid opinions about music and supports his/her opinions.	Student is able to compare/contrast musical styles and support opinions about music choices.
Standard 2 – Read and Notate Music	Student is unable to identify, define, or write age appropriate musical symbols.	Student is able to name, define, and write age appropriate musical symbols.	Student is able to name, define, and write musical symbols above their grade level.

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