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Los Angeles Unified School District – Arts Education Branch Elementary Music Instruction Guide

Module 1: Making Music with Singing and Playing **Module 2: Learning the Written Language of Music** Module 3: Learning About Music in Our Community and World Module 4: Expressing Ideas and Feelings Through Music"

Grade 4 Theme	Musi	Music tells us about history.		
Enduring Understanding	Music literacy skills make it easier to learn music that we can perform alone and with others.			
	 <u>Essential Questions</u> How can reading music help me make music with others? How do we know how music sounded before audio recordings? What do I need to know to create music and share it with my friends? 			
California Standards Addressed	1.1 Read, write, and perform melodic notation for simple songs in major keys, using solfege.			
	1.2 Read, write and perform diatonic scales.			
	1.3 Read, write, and perform rhythmic notation, including sixteenth notes, dotted notes, and syncopation (e.g., eighth/quarter/eighth note and eighth-rest/quarter/eighth note).			
	1.6 Recognize and describe aural examples of musical forms, including rondo.			
Sample Performance Task	With a partner, create and notate a short composition in ABA form of at least two measures for each section and play or sing it using solfege for your classmates. Use rhythms and pitches you have studied in class.			
	 <u>Suggested Rubric</u> Composition falls within parameters set by the teacher. Compositions are notated correctly, as per teacher's directions. Students perform their compositions accurately, in tempo. Each composition is unique and student-generated. 			

DEVELOPING CONCEPTS

Knowledge	Skills
 Understand and read rhythmic notation Notes: (symbols for sound) Quarter note (ta) Eighth notes (ti-ti) - double and single Half note (ta-a or two) Dotted half note (ta-a-a or three) Whole note (ta-a-a-a or four) Sixteenth notes (ti-ki-ti-ki) and combined with eighths (ti-ti-ki or ti-ki-ti) Dotted quarter note (tum) Dotted quarter/eighth (tum-ti) Dotted eighth note (tim) Dotted eighth note (tim) Dotted eighth note (tim) Dotted eighth (tim-ki) Rests: (symbols for silence) Quarter Eighth Half Whole Parts of Notes Stem Note Head Beam Flag Syncopation (syn-co-pa) eighth rest/quarter/eighth Rhythm Syllables Tie (contrast with slur) Understand meter in 2/4, 3/4, 4/4 Strong and weak beats Accent Bar Lines Measures Time Signature Conducting Patterns 	 Read and decode rhythmic notation and speak or perform it on classroom instruments. Write rhythmic notation from dictation. Write rhythmic notation in a template of beats. Add bar-lines for a rhythm, given the time signature. Recognize meters in 2, 3, 4. Use conducting patterns in 2, 3, and 4.

SUGGESTED STEPS				
Sources: (4 th Grade Books, unless otherwise stated) MM= <u>Making Music:</u> 2008 California Edition, STM=Share the Music				
FOCUS	SOURCE	SONGS/ACTIVITIES		
Review or teach note and rest values for	MM	Quarter, double eighths, half notes		
quarter notes, double eighths, half notes,	101101	and quarter rest		
dotted half notes, whole notes, sixteenths,		Soldier, Soldier		
and quarter rests		Resource Book pp. D-2, E-2		
		Reading Sequence 1		
1. Assess what students already know about		Wings of a Dove		
rhythmic notation.		Riqui Ran		
Echo-clap rhythm patterns.				
• Sing songs and keep a beat, then clap the		Whole notes		
rhythm.		Over My Head		
• Write the rhythm for a known song on the		Over the Rainbow		
board and ask students to identify the				
rhythm syllables and/or note names.		Dotted half notes		
		Over the Rainbow (also tie & single		
2. Review or introduce note names,		8 th)		
duration values and rhythm syllables		Peace Round		
• Extract note values from a song and review		Oh How Lovely Is the Evening		
or teach names of notes and rhythm				
syllables.		Sixteenth notes		
• Write four-beat rhythms on board or use		Kookaburra		
flash card for students to clap/say with		Paw Paw Patch		
rhythm syllables.		• Resource Book pp. D-10, D-11,		
• Use strategies from 3 rd Grade, Module 2 on		E-10		
rhythm.Teach stick and standard notation		 Reading Sequence 9 Dance		
Teach stick and standard notation.Show the rests that go with quarter, half,		Osamu kosamu (Biting Wind)		
whole, and eighth notes.		Osama kosama (Buing Wina)		
 Relate note values to math/fractions: 	STM	Quarter, double eighths, half notes		
 Make a chart on board showing the 	51111	and quarter rest		
relationships of basic note values		The Ash Grove		
(triangle shape—whole note on top).		Page's Train		
• Use circle/pie charts.		London's Burning		
• Give students math problems with note		When I First Came to This Land		
values, e.g.:		Sweet Betsy from Pike		
a. quarter $+$ double eighths $=$ half				
note, etc.		Whole notes		
b. write notes that add up to X		Donna, Donna* (all values, with		
number of beats		syncopa)		
3. Use rhythm syllables to practice reading		Dotted half notes		
rhythms notated with stick and/or standard		<i>Over the Rainbow</i> (also tie and single		
notation and practice writing rhythms with		eighth)		
stick notation.		Peace Round		
such nutanun.		Ι εμε πομπα		

 Clap and speak the rhythm with rhythm syllables while teacher points to the beat. Step the beat, clap and say the rhythm, reading from the board. Make up rhythms on board and play or say them using rhythm syllables. Use reading/writing materials in resource book. Use rhythm flashcards. Students make up rhythms in their own beat template. Rhythm dictation (use stick notation). 		Oh How Lovely Is the Evening El Charro My Dame Hath a Lame Tame Crane Sixteenth notes En la feria de San Juan Golden Ring Around the Susan Girl Winter Fantasy
 Teach students to hear, sing, read and write syncopated rhythms Clap and say the regular rhythm syllables of simple syncopated 4-beat patterns taken from a known song. Define syncopation: a rhythm that upsets the normal pattern of strong and weak beats Use the rhythm syllables "syn-co-pa" to clap and say the syncopated rhythms. 	MM	Somebody's Knockin' at Your Door• Resource Book pp. D-5, D-7, E-6• Reading Sequence 5Rock Island Line• Resource Book pp. D-6, E-7• Reading Sequence 6Canoe Song Shake the Papaya Down (melody)
 Reinforce with strategies listed in above boxes. 	STM	Artsa Alinu (Our Land) Nila, Nila (Moon, Moon) Take Time in Life Way Down Yonder in the Brickyard
 Teach rhythms with eighth and sixteenth notes combined (ti-tiki and tiki-ti) Use strategies listed in above boxes. 	MM	 Ala Da'lona Resource Book p. D-17 <i>Cumberland Gap</i> Resource Book p. D-18, E-15 <i>Sourwood Mountain</i> <i>Ai, Dunaii moy (Ah, My Merry Dunaii)</i> <i>Glendy Burke</i>
	STM	Hop Up and Jump Up Ida Red Old Dan Tucker Swapping Song When I Was a Lad Simple Gifts
 Teach dotted rhythm patterns and the meaning of the dot. Explore the difference between even and uneven rhythm patterns. Use 'musical math' as above to teach the value of the dot. Use practice strategies above. 	MM	 Dotted quarter/eighth notes La Tarara Resource Book pp. D-22, E-18 Reading Sequence 17 Old House, Tear It Down Resource Book pp. D-23, E-19, J-13 Reading Sequence 18

		A
		America
		America, the Beautiful
		Oh Danny Boy
		Streets of Laredo
		Dotted eighth/sixteenth notes
		Star Spangled Banner
		The Lion Sleeps Tonight
		Glendy Burke
		Clementine
		Blow, Ye Winds
-		Sourwood Mountain
	STM	Dotted quarter/eighth notes
		All Through the Night
		America
		America, the Beautiful
		John Kanaka
		Las Mañanitas
		Dotted eighth/sixteenth notes
		Star Spangled Banner
Teach or review the concept of meter, time	MM	2/4
signatures, and measures	141141	Gakavik (The Partridge)
signatures, and measures		S ,
1 Discourse that has to an anonimal (an		Resource Book pp. E-3
1. Discover that beats are organized (or		• Reading Sequence 2
measured) in groups, according to a pattern		The Birch Tree (Beriozka)
of strong and weak beats.		Ah, My Merry Dunaii (Ai, Dunaii moy)
• Perform dances or use clapping patterns that demonstrate the meter of the music.		<i>The Glendy Burke</i> (various rhythms)
 Identify strong/weak beats 		4/4
 Use a song without pick-up notes Write shuther on board mark boat under 		Soldier, Soldier
• Write rhythm on board, mark beat under		Joe Turner Blues (tie)
rhythm, use accent marks under strong		With syncopation:
beats		• Somebody's Knockin' At Your
• Guide students to hear/see the pattern of		Door
strong and weak beats and determine how		Rock Island Line
many beats are in each group.		All Night, All Day
• Define meter: the organization of beats		
into groups to measure time.		3/4
		America
2. Learn how meter is indicated in the		Clementine
printed music		Cielito Lindo (tie)
 Bar lines and measures 		Oh, How Lovely Is the Evening
 Demonstrate how bar lines make it easy 		Streets of Laredo (Bard of Armagh)
to see the groups of beats.		Star-Spangled Banner
		Siai-Spangiea Dannei
-		Dials up notos/uphoats
with inches on a ruler (measuring		Pick-up notes/upbeats

distance.)	MM	Ochimbo
• Count measures in a song.		• Resource book pp. D-16, E-14
• Time signature		Reading Sequence 13
• Use a modified time signature showing		Streets of Laredo
the top number with a quarter note		Rock Island Line
underneath.		Glendy Burke
• Students locate the time signature in		Soldier, Soldier
printed music and compare modified		Sweet Betsy from Pike
and standard time signatures.		America, the Beautiful
• Up-beats/pick-up notes and incomplete		
measures		6/8
		Rio Grande
3. Practice recognizing meter, time		Haul Away, Joe
signatures, bar lines and measures.		
• Locate time signature and determine meter	STM	2/4
of new songs in standard notation.		John Kanaka
• Copy rhythms from board or take		Sourwood Mountain
rhythmic dictation and add bar lines,		Artsa Alinu (Our Land)
according to a given time signature. Mark		
beats and write in the counting under the		4/4
notes.		America, the Beautiful
• Count measures in a song you sing.		Over the Rainbow
• Conduct in correct meter patterns while		Peace Round
singing or listening to music.		Donna, Donna
• Count the beats in a rhythm example on the board or from a song written in		When I First Came to This Land
standard notation.		3/4
• Count the beats while clapping the		Tum Balalaika
rhythm.		Sweet Betsy from Pike
• Conduct the meter while reading the		The Ash Grove
rhythm with rhythm syllables.		America
		Oh, How Lovely Is the Evening
		Pick-up notes/upbeats
		America, the Beautiful
		The Ash Grove
		En la feria de San Juan
		My Dame Hath a Lame Tame Crane
		Sweet Betsy from Pike

- 1. Students create a few of their own eight-beat rhythms in a beat template.
- 2. Students choose two of their rhythms and write them out in an ABA pattern, marking the time signature (4/4) and bar lines.
- 3. Working with a partner, choose contrasting rhythm instruments for the A and B sections.
- 4. Practice an ABA rhythmic composition of each partner and play it for the class.
- 5. Teacher keeps rhythm compositions until the appropriate time to compose and notate a melody for final assessment.

2. MELODY AND PITCH: We can use melod	ic notation to	learn new songs or to write down our		
own music Knowledge		Skills		
Understand melodic direction Moving up and down Pitch/tone Repeated tones Interval Step Skip Octave Half-steps/whole-steps Pitch syllables/solfege Pentatone scale Diatonic scale Sequence Curwen hand signs Understand melodic notation Staff Treble clef Line notes Space notes Hand staff Leger lines Solfege ladder Letter names of pitches Tonal center, home tone, tonic Key signature Sharps Flats	 Recognize melodic direction visually an aurally. Recognize steps, skips, and repeated ton visually and aurally. Recognize melodic patterns. Create simple melodies using the pentatone. Notate simple pentatonic melodies on th staff. Read and decode melodic notation and s it with solfege or perform it on classrood instruments. Use hand-signs and pitch syllables with pentatonic melodies. Recognize same/different melodies and melodic sequences. 			
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FOCUS	SOURCE	SONGS/ACTIVITIES		
Follow the melodic direction of a song	MM	Gonna Ride Up in the Chariot		
• Follow the shape of the melody with icons		• Resource Book pp. C-2, E-4,		
or a listening map.		I-3		
• Write rhythm notation in straight line on		Reading Sequence 3		
board, draw lines for melodic contour		Deep in the Heart of Texas		
underneath rhythm. Ask students what the		Air in D (J.S. Bach)		
lines show and then compare them to staff		• from Orchestral Suite #3		
notation.		 Listening Map 		
		e 1		
 Point to and follow the notes of the melody 		Ode to Joy (Beethoven)		

in staff notation. Discuss how the notes show the sounds staying the same or moving up or down.	MM	Listening Map Blow, Ye Winds Rio Grande
• Students point to places where the notes show the melody going up; where it is going down; where it stays the same.	STM	 Way Down Yonder in the Brick Yard Picture and staff notation I Don't Care If the Rain Comes Down Picture and staff notation La Pajara Pinta Pay Me My Money Down
		Hosanna, Me Build a House Sarasponda Hop Up and Jump Up
Guide students to recognize same and different melodies and sequences	MM	 Thula, Thula, Ngoana (Sleep, Sleep Baby) Resource Book p. E-24 California, Here I Come Wings of a Dove Dry Bones
	STM	I Love the Mountains Tum Balalaika Dry Bones Las Mañanitas Music Alone Shall Live
Review or teach students to hear, sing, read	MM	Do Pentatonic Scale (Do major)
and write the pitches of the pentatone: <i>Do</i> , <i>Re, Mi, So, La</i>	141141	 Tsuki (The Moon) Resource Book D-3, E-5 Reading Sequence 4
1. Learn pentatonic songs and discover the		Oh, Susanna (verse)
pitches.		Over My Head (Mi, Re, Do)
• Use a solfege ladder to teach the solfege		over my neua (m, ne, Do)
syllables and hand signs.		Extended Pentatone
 Learn a song from rhythm notation with 		Hashewie (Going 'Round)
solfege letters under the rhythm.		Resource Book pp. D-8, E-8
 Echo-sing with solfege syllables and hand 		 Reading Sequence 7
signs.		Sourwood Mountain
• Learn a song from a solfege ladder.		 Resource Book pp. D-9, E-9 Reading Sequence 8
2. Review or teach students to sing/play		Weevily Wheat
pentatonic songs by reading from staff notation.		Resource Book pp. D-12, E-12Reading Sequence 11
• Introduce the staff (a graph for pitch).		Soldier, Soldier
• Teach the "Hand Staff," numbering lines and spaces.		Gonna Ride Up in the Chariot I'm Gonna Sing
\circ Show noteheads on staff (no stems).		Somebody's Knockin' at Your Door
 Describe line notes and space notes. Show the notes of the pentatone written with <i>Do</i> on a line, and then with <i>Do</i> on a 		How Can I Keep from Singing Dry Bones Come Skipping
Space.		Page 8 of 11

•	Sing a known pentatonic melody from	MM	La Pentatonic Scale (La minor)
	standard notation on the treble staff,		See the Children Playin'
	pointing to the notes. Repeat, singing the		• Resource Book pp. D-13, E-13
	solfege syllables.		Reading Sequence 12
•	Sing the song from staff notation with <i>Do</i>		Canoe Song
	on various lines and spaces and have		Old House, Tear It Down
	students 'write' it on their hand staff as they		Wade in the Water
	sing.		Pastures of Plenty (Woody Guthrie)
•	Discover steps and skips in pentatonic		
	patterns and how to recognize them on the		So Pentatonic Scale
	staff.		Doraji
	• Sing and show them on hand staff.	STM	Do Pentatonic Scale (Do major)
	 Use a solfege ladder 		Fed My Horse
	• Read new melodic phrases from staff		Ida Red
	notation, using solfege.		Oh, Won't You Sit Down?
	• Define interval: the distance between		Page's Train
	two pitches.		
	• Show steps and skips on a keyboard or		Extended Pentatone
	keyboard chart.		John Kanaka
•	Introduce treble clef (G clef): indicates that		Sourwood Mountain
	all pitches on the staff are treble (high)		Swapping Song
	sounds.		Way Down Yonder in the Brick Yard
			Golden Ring Around the Susan Girl
	Practice reading/writing pentatonic		
me	odies in staff notation and sing or play		La Pentatonic Scale (La minor)
the			Wade in the Water
•	Write pitches with note markers on staff		
	mats:		So Pentatonic Scale
	• Identify lines with markers, then spaces.		Over the Sea to Skye
	• Begin with <i>So-Mi-Do</i> with <i>Do</i> on		
	various lines and spaces. Then add Re		
	and <i>La</i> .		
	• Use markers to take melodic dictation,		
	with a given line or space for <i>Do</i> .		
	 Assist students to place markers 		
	melodically, moving from left to right,		
	instead of harmonically (stacked top to		
	bottom).		
•	Sight-sing melodies from flash cards		
	(rhythm + letters or staff notation).		
•	Write a rhythm on board with solfege		
	letters underneath for students to sing.		
•	Sing melodies from a solfege ladder.		
•	Sing melodies from hand signs.		
•	Sing melodies from hand staff.		
•	Use tone bells on a ladder.		
•	Play on instruments.		
•	Sight-sing a new pentatonic song from staff		
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 notation. Point out the pentatonic patterns in other songs. Use reading/writing materials in resource book. 			
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Introduce Fa and Ti and the diatonic scale.	MM	Fa
 Introduce <i>Fa</i> and <i>Ti</i> and the diatonic scale. 1. Learn diatonic songs and discover the new pitches Use strategies from pentatone above. Find songs that introduce one new pitch at a time. 2. Teach students to sing/play diatonic songs by reading from staff notation Use strategies from pentatone above. 3. Practice reading/writing diatonic melodies in staff notation and sing or play them. Use strategies from pentatone above. 	ММ	 Fa Son macaron Resource Book p. D-15 Game Cancion de Cuna Resource Book pp. D-19, E-16 Reading Sequence 15 Cantando mintiras (Singing Tall Tales) Also prep for ti Chairs to Mend Half & Whole steps, diatonic scale, key signature Letter Names of notes Resource Book pp. D-21, E-17 Reading Sequence 16 <i>Ti</i> Kookaburra Resource Book pp. D-24, E-20 Reading Sequence 19 <i>Missy-La, Massa-La</i> Major Scale Resource Book pp. D-25, E-21 Reading Sequence 20 Game Song
		 Tancovacha (Dancing) Resource Book p. E-25 Reading Sequence 24
	STM	Fa Pay Me My Money Down Sarasponda Take Time in Life I Don't Care If the Rain Comes Down
		<i>Ti</i> Sweet Betsy From Pike Lots of Fish in Bonavist Harbor

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Nila, Nila (Moon, Moon) When I First Came to This Land
My Dame Hath a Lame Tame Crane

Suggested Preparation for Final Assessment Project

- 1. Do a whole group melody on the board, based on one of the rhythmic compositions done by a student earlier in the year.
- 2. Give the students pitch guidelines. Examples:
 - Melody must end on *Do*
 - Use pitches of the pentatone
 - Use pitches of the diatonic scale
 - Use other limits on pitches
 - Create contrasting melodies for the A and B sections
- 3. Return the rhythm projects to the students.
- 4. Working with a partner, choose the contrasting 8-beat rhythms for their composition.
- 5. Student write solfege letters above the rhythm and write it in ABA form.
- 6. Students transfer their melody to the staff in ABA form.
- 7. Students practice their melody with solfege and sing it with solfege or play it on melodic instruments for their class.
- 8. Optional extension: Partners write words for their melody.