

Content Area	Course: Digital Music	Grade Level: 7/8
Music		Collaboration  Character  Communication  Critical Thinking  Creativity  Curiosity
Unit Titles	Leng	th of Unit
Exploring Digital Music Software	• 1 Week	
Creating in Digital Music Software	• 2-3 Weeks	
Classic Digital Music Software	• 3-4 Weeks	
• Jingles	• 3-4 Weeks	



Strands	Course Level Expectations*
Create	<ul> <li>The creative ideas, concepts, and feelings that influence musicians' work emerge from a variety of sources.</li> <li>Musicians can generate creative ideas, make creative decisions, and know when to share.</li> <li>Musicians evaluate, and refine their work through openness to new ideas, persistence, and the application of appropriate criteria.</li> <li>Musicians' presentation of creative work is the culmination of a process of creation and communication</li> </ul>
Perform	<ul> <li>Performers' interest in and knowledge of musical works, understanding of their own technical skill, and the context for a performance influence the selection of repertoire.</li> <li>Analyzing creators' context and how they manipulate elements of music provides insight into their intent and informs performance.</li> <li>Performers make interpretive decisions based on their understanding of context and expressive intent.</li> <li>To express their musical ideas, musicians analyze, evaluate, and refine their performance over time through openness to new ideas, persistence, and the application of appropriate criteria.</li> <li>Musicians judge performance based on criteria that vary across time, place, and cultures. The context and how a work is presented influence the audience response.</li> <li>Response to music is informed by analyzing context (social, cultural and historical) and how creators and performers manipulate the elements of music</li> </ul>
Respond	<ul> <li>Individuals' selection of musical works is influenced by their interests, experiences, understandings, and purposes.</li> <li>The personal evaluation of musical works and performances is informed by analysis, interpretation, and established criteria.</li> </ul>
Connecting	<ul> <li>Musicians connect their personal interests, experiences, ideas, and knowledge to creating, performing, and responding.</li> <li>Understanding connections to varied contexts and daily life enhances musicians' creating, performing, and responding.</li> </ul>

<sup>\*</sup>Expectations span Grades PK-8 and are based on the National Coalition Core for Art Standards

Unit Title	Exploring Digital music software	Length of Unit	1 Week

Inquiry Questions (Engaging & Debatable)  Standards*	<ul> <li>How do musicians generate creative ideas?</li> <li>When is a performance judged ready to present?</li> <li>How do context and the manner in which musical work is presented influence audience response?</li> <li>How do individuals choose music to experience?</li> <li>How does understanding the structure and context of music inform a response?</li> </ul> Create: <ul> <li>Imagine: MU:Cr1.1.T.IIa</li> <li>Perform:</li> <li>Present: MU:Pr6.1.T.IIa</li> <li>Respond:</li> <li>Select: MU:Re7.1.T.IIa Analyze Mu: Re7.2.T.IIa</li> </ul>	
Unit Strands & Concepts  Key Vocabulary	<ul> <li>Loops and the Loop Library</li> <li>Musical Form</li> <li>Creating Compositions</li> <li>loop, common musical forms (AB, ABA, rondo, 12 bar blues, theme and variation), beginning, middle, end, time signature, key signature, measure, repeat</li> </ul>	

<sup>\*</sup>Standards based on National Coalition for Core Art Standards

For more information visit: <a href="https://nafme.org/wp-content/files/2014/06/1-Core-Music-Standards-PreK-81.pdf">https://nafme.org/wp-content/files/2014/06/1-Core-Music-Standards-PreK-81.pdf</a>

Unit Title	Exploring Digital Music Software	Length of Unit	1 Week

Critical Content: My students will <b>Know</b>	Key Skills: My students will be able to (Do)
<ul> <li>basics of digital music</li> <li>basic music theory terminology such as time signature, key signature, measure, bar line, repeat</li> <li>common musical forms</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>generate melodic, rhythmic and harmonic ideas in Digital music software that demonstrate understanding of the program</li> <li>demonstrate technical and expressive qualities in the compositions being created</li> <li>create compositions with a specific expressive intent</li> <li>analyze contrasting works by self or peers</li> <li>analyze the structure, context and technological qualities of the work of self and peers</li> <li>create original compositions in various musical forms</li> </ul>

Assessments:	Formative assessments, teacher observation, student work
Teacher Resources:	Digital music software

Unit Title	Creating in Digital music software	Length of Unit	2-3 Weeks

<b>Inquiry Questions</b>	How do musicians make creative decisions?	
(Engaging &	When is creative work ready to share?	
Debatable)	How do musicians improve the quality of their creative work?	
	How do performers select repertoire?	
	How does understanding the structure and context of musical works inform performance?	
	When is a performance judged ready to present?	
	<ul> <li>How do context and the manner in which musical work is presented influence audience response?</li> </ul>	
Standards	Create:	
<b>5 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6</b>	Plan & Make MU:Cr2.1.T.IIa Evaluate & Refine: MU:Cr3.1.T.IIa Present: Mu:Cr3.2.T.IIa	
	Perform:	
	Select: MU:Pr4.1.T.IIa Analyze: MU:4.2.T.IIa Interpret: Mu:Pr4.3.T.IIa Present: MU:6.1.T.IIa	
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Unit Strands &	Creating Drum Beats	
Concepts	Adding Tracks	
	Recording with MIDI	
	Recording with MD1	
Key Vocabulary	track, drum beat, MIDI, collaboration, track information/editing, cycle, metronome, piano roll, key, unity,	
icy vocabulary	variety	
	variety	

Unit Title	Creating in Digital music software	Length of Unit	2-3 Weeks

Critical Content: My students will <b>Know</b>	Key Skills: My students will be able to (Do)
<ul> <li>components of Digital music software</li> <li>basic note/ rhythm reading</li> <li>various genres of loops (techno, R&amp;B, etc)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>select loops/tracks that demonstrate unity and variety</li> <li>refine compositions based on technological and expressive aspects</li> <li>demonstrate an understanding of basic note reading</li> <li>add various software tracks to their composition</li> <li>compose, perform and record basic 8 and 16 measure rhythms</li> <li>record MIDI by using virtual instrument software</li> </ul>

Assessments:	Formative assessments, Student compositions	
Teacher Resources:	Digital music software	

Unit Title	Classic Digital Music Software	Length of Unit	3-4 Weeks
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Inquiry Questions (Engaging & Debatable)	<ul> <li>How do musicians improve the quality of their creative work?</li> <li>When is creative work ready to share?</li> <li>How does understanding the structure and context of musical works inform performance?</li> <li>How do performers interpret musical works?</li> <li>How do musicians make creative decisions?</li> <li>When is a performance judged ready to present?</li> <li>How do context and the manner in which musical work is presented influence audience response?</li> <li>How do we discern musical creators' and performers' expressive intent?</li> <li>How do we judge the quality of musical work(s) and performance(s)?</li> </ul>		
Standards	Create: Evaluate & Refine: MU:Cr3.1.T.IIa Present: Mu:Cr3.2.T.IIa Perform: Analyze: MU:4.2.T.IIa Interpret: Mu:Pr4.3.T.IIa Rehearse, Evaluate & Refine: MU:Pr5.1.T.IIa Present: MU:6.1.T.IIa Respond: Select: MU:Re7.1.T.IIa Interpret: MU:Re8.1.T.IIa Evaluate: MU:Re9.1.T.IIa		
Unit Strands & Concepts	<ul> <li>The Sound of Classical Music</li> <li>Become a Classical Musician</li> <li>Presenting Classical Music</li> </ul>		
Key Vocabulary	tempo, audio recording, microphone, classical music, composer, audience etiquette, repertoire		

Unit Title	Classic Digital music software	Length of Unit	3-4 Weeks

Critical Content: My students will <b>Know</b>	Key Skills: My students will be able to (Do)
<ul> <li>the evolution of classical music</li> <li>performance etiquette</li> <li>audience behavior</li> <li>popular composers of classical music</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>develop and implement strategies to refine compositions</li> <li>demonstrate understanding of various contextual and structural aspects of composition</li> <li>demonstrate an understanding of tempo, audio recording and microphone use</li> <li>create an arrangement of a classical piece of music in a collaborative setting</li> <li>demonstrate an understanding of classical music</li> <li>analyze and discuss similarities and differences in various pieces of classical repertoire</li> <li>create program notes for original compositions</li> </ul>

Assessments:	Formative assessments, Student compositions
Teacher Resources:	Digital music software

Unit Title	Jingles	Length of Unit	3-4 Weeks
Inquiry Questions  • How do musicians improve the quality of their creative work?  (Engaging & Male a least to			

Inquiry Questions (Engaging & Debatable)	<ul> <li>How do musicians improve the quality of their creative work?</li> <li>When is creative work ready to share?</li> <li>How do performers interpret musical works?</li> <li>How do musicians make creative decisions?</li> <li>When is a performance judged ready to present?</li> <li>How do context and the manner in which musical work is presented influence audience response?</li> </ul>
Standards	Create: Evaluate & Refine: MU:Cr3.1.T.IIa Present: Mu:Cr3.2.T.IIa Perform: Interpret: Mu:Pr4.3.T.IIa Rehearse, Evaluate & Refine: MU:Pr5.1.T.IIa Present: MU:6.1.T.IIa Respond: Interpret: MU:Re8.1.T.IIa Evaluate: MU:Re9.1.T.IIa
Unit Strands & Concepts	<ul> <li>Creating an Original Jingle</li> <li>Adding A Voice</li> <li>Mash-up</li> </ul>
Key Vocabulary	jingle, mashup, melody

Unit Title	Jingles	Length of Unit	3-4 Weeks

Critical Content: My students will <b>Know</b>	Key Skills: My students will be able to (Do)
<ul> <li>what is a jingle</li> <li>characteristics of a jingle</li> <li>strategies to use when developing jingles</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>create a jingle using teacher provided resources</li> <li>collaborate with peers on the creation of a new jingle</li> <li>write and record a jingle into Digital music software</li> <li>create a complimentary melody to add to their jingle</li> <li>analyze and evaluate professional jingles</li> <li>develop and implement strategies to improve creative work</li> </ul>

Assessments:	Formative assessments, student work
Teacher Resources:	Digital music software