



Totowa Public Schools

Music

Grade 7

Aligned to NJSL Standards

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Units of Study & Pacing Guide

<u>Unit of Study</u>	<u>Timeline</u>	<u>Notes</u>
Music in Media	12 Weeks	
Introduction to Hip Hop	12 Weeks	
Through the Decades	12 Weeks	

Unit Title	Music In Media
Unit Duration	12 Weeks
Unit Summary & Rationale	Unit 1 explores music in popular media, including film, theatre, video games, television and commercials. We will study how this different media use music for emotional and creative affect, and how music adds to our overall entertainment experience. The unit will conclude with a Musical Theme Project, requiring students to compose a theme for one media of their choice using a digital audio workstation.
Unit Goals	
Essential Questions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are some of the most iconic film scores throughout history? • How do film composers write music to represent specific characters and scenes? • How did musicals become a popular art form and what are some of the most influential in history? • Can you explain the evolution of video game music and how advancement in technology has affected the style? • What are some of the most famous television jingles and what makes a jingle successful? • How does a television show use music in comparison to films and commercials? • Can you compose a unique theme that represents a character, scene, or product from different popular media?
Enduring Understandings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The most iconic film scores and the most famous film composers. • How film composers write music to represent specific characters and scenes. • How musicals became such a popular genre and some of the most well known works. • The evolution of video game music and its impact on the sound of popular music as technology evolved. • How to compose representative themes using a digital audio workstation.
Learning Outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SWBAT identify the most iconic film scores and the most famous film composers.

- SWBAT explain the expressive connections between a film score and the characters and scenes of a film.
- SWBAT explain how musicals became such a popular genre and identify some of the most well known works.
- SWBAT explain the evolution of video game music and its significance.
- SWBAT explain the role music plays in television and advertising.
- SWBAT use a digital audio workstation to compose representative themes.
- Career Exploration – Examine careers in the music industry beyond performing (marketing, advertising, composition)

Assessment Evidence	
Formative	Informal Observation Oral Question/Answer Responses Class Discussion Written Class Work Group Performances Individual Performances
Summative	Tests, Quizzes, Projects, Formal Performances, Summative Assessment: Media Composition
Alternative and Benchmark	Alternative – Project Based Learning, Graphic Organizers, Student Portfolio Benchmark – Teacher generated project or assessment Formative, Summative, Alternative and Benchmark Assessments
Resources to Promote Learning	
Resources and Equipment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interactive Smart Board • Guitars

- Percussion Instruments
- Pianos
- Computers
- Microsoft Office
- Logic Pro X
- ProTools
- Garage Band
- Chrome Music Lab
- Studio Recording Equipment
- Musical Scores
- Musical Recordings
- [Approved Class Resource List](#)

Content & Interdisciplinary Standards

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2020 SLS: Career Readiness, Life Literacies, and Key Skills

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- 9.2.8.CAP.4: Explain how an individual’s online behavior (e.g., social networking, photo exchanges, video postings) may impact opportunities for employment or advancement

Interdisciplinary/21st Century Connections

Connections and Skills

- Critical thinking
- Collaboration and Teamwork
- Problem Solving

Unit Title

Introduction to Hip Hop

Unit Duration	12 Weeks
Unit Summary & Rationale	Unit 2 studies the birth of Hip Hop music and its rise in popularity throughout the 1970s and 1980s. The unit will cover early artists that helped develop the sound of Hip Hop and explore how Hip Hop became a musical, social, and cultural movement in 1970s New York City. We will study significant early Hip Hop artists, rapping, DJing, sampling, beat-boxing, break-dancing, and graffiti, and consider how each element added to the culture of Hip Hop overall. The unit will culminate in a Hip Hop Element Project for students to more deeply explore one Hip Hop element of their choice.
Unit Goals	
Essential Questions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What artists and genres did Hip Hop grow out of in the 1970s? • Where did Hip Hop begin and what was life like at the time? • What are the 6 main elements of Hip Hop and how do they each represent a different aspect of the movement? • When did Hip Hop start to become a mainstream genre and what artists became the face of Hip Hop? • How did early Hip Hop artists use figurative language to convey their message? • How and why did DJing, sampling, and beat-boxing form the sound of Hip Hop music? • How did break-dancing and graffiti come to visually represent Hip Hop music and how have these art forms evolved over time? • Can you use figurative language in your own rap lyrics? • Can you compose and perform unique rhythms by beat-boxing and write in Standard Beat-box Notation? • Can you choreograph a breakdance using examples of Top Rock and Down Rock? • Can you develop your own unique graffiti style to create a mural?
Enduring Understandings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The artists and genres that gave birth to Hip Hop in the 1970s. • Hip Hop's NYC roots and life at the time. • The elements of rapping, DJing, sampling, beat-boxing, break-dancing, and graffiti. • How Hip Hop became a mainstream genre in the 1980s due to particular songs and artists.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How Hip Hop developed its unique sound from DJing, sampling, and beat-boxing. • The evolution of break-dancing and graffiti art and its relationship to Hip Hop music. • How to analyze poetic language in Hip Hop music and use poetic language in your own lyrics. • How to beat-box and compose unique beat-box rhythms using standard notation. • How to choreograph a breakdance using basic steps. • How to develop your own graffiti style.
Learning Outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SWBAT identify artists and genres that gave birth to Hip Hop in the 1970s. • SWBAT identify and explain Hip Hop’s NYC roots. • SWBAT identify and explain rapping, sampling, beat-boxing, break-dancing, and graffiti. • SWBAT explain how Hip Hop became a mainstream genre in the 1980s due to particular songs and artists. • SWBAT explain how Hip Hop developed its unique sound from DJing, sampling, and beat-boxing. • SWBAT explain the evolution of break-dancing and graffiti art and its relationship to Hip Hop music. • SWBAT analyze poetic language in early Hip Hop music and use poetic language in their lyrics. • SWBAT perform rhythms and compose rhythms by using basic beat-boxing techniques and standard notation. • SWBAT explain the evolution of graffiti art, its significance to Hip Hop, and create a unique graffiti art.
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Unit Title	Through the Decades
Unit Duration	12 Weeks

Unit Summary & Rationale	Unit 3 continues the study of American popular music through the 1970s, 1980s, and 1990s by focusing on how music impacted popular culture through these time periods. Students will choose one genre to follow through the three decades and study how that genre changed fashion, language, dance, visual art, technology, film, television, politics, and society at large. The unit will conclude with a Through the Decades Sway Presentation detailing how their chosen genre changed three aspects of culture over time.
Unit Goals	
Essential Questions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What were the most popular genres from the 1970s-1990s and which artists best represented these genres? • How did music from your chosen genre directly impact popular culture through these decades? • How did American popular music evolve in relation to the political and social climate during this time? • Can you create a presentation that details the evolution of your genre over time and its impact on three aspects of culture from the following choices - fashion, language, dance, visual art, technology, film, television, video games, politics, and social movements
Enduring Understandings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The emergence and evolution of genres throughout the 1970s-1990s. • Significant artists and works from the decades. • How the political and social climate of the time affected popular music. • How music changed popular culture during this time. • How to create a presentation that provides evidence of music's cultural impact.
Learning Outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SWBAT explain the emergence and evolution of genres throughout the 1970s-1990s. • SWBAT identify and analyze significant artists and works from the decades. • SWBAT identify and explain how music of the era impacted society at large. • SWBAT identify and explain how music changed popular culture during this time. • SWBAT use Microsoft Sway to create a presentation providing evidence from their research.
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Social Studies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6.3.8.CivicsHR.1: Construct an argument as to the source of human rights and how they are best protected.
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Accommodations & Modifications		
Special Education Students, 504 students, English Language Learners, Students at-Risk Based on Students' Individual Needs		
Time/General	Processing	Comprehension
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Allow extra time Repeat and clarify directions Provide breaks in between tasks Have student verbalize directions Provide timelines/due dates for reports and projects 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide extra response time Have student verbalize steps Repeat directions Provide small group instruction Include partner work 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide reading material on student's level Have student underline important points Assist student on how to use context clues to identify words/phrases Ensure short manageable tasks
Tests/Quizzes/Grading	Behavior/Attention	Organization
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide extended time Provide study guides Limit number of responses 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establish classroom rules Write a contract with the student specifying expected behaviors Provide preferential seating Re-focus student as needed Reinforce student for staying on task 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monitor the student and provide reinforcement of directions Verify the accurateness of homework assignments Display a written agenda
ELL, Enrichment, Gifted & Talented Strategies		
Accommodations Based on Students' Individual Needs		

ELL Strategies

- Provide explicit, systematic instruction in vocabulary.
- Ensure that ELLs have ample opportunities to talk with both adults and peers and provide ongoing feedback and encouragement.
- Expose ELLs to rich language input.
- Scaffolding for ELLs language learning.
- Encourage continued L1 language development.
- Alphabet knowledge
- Phonological awareness
- Print awareness
- Design instruction that focuses on all of the foundational literacy skills.
- Recognize that many literacy skills can transfer across languages.
- English literacy development by helping ELLs make the connection between what they know in their first language and what they need to know in English.
- Graphic organizers
- Modified texts
- Modified assessments
- Written/audio instruction
- Shorter paragraph/essay length
- Homogeneously grouped by level

Accommodations Based on Students' Individual Needs:

Enrichment Strategies

- Evaluate vocabulary
- Elevate Text Complexity
- Incorporate inquiry based assignments and projects
- Extend curriculum

- Balance individual, small group and whole group instruction
- Provide tiered/multi-level activities
- Include purposeful learning centers
- Provide open-ended activities and projects
- Offer opportunities for heterogeneous grouping to work with age and social peers as well as homogeneous grouping to provide time to work with individual peers
- Provide pupils with experiences outside the 'regular' curriculum
- Alter the pace the student uses to cover regular curriculum in order to explore topics of interest in greater depth/breadth within their own grade level
- Require a higher quality of work than the norm for the given age group
- Promote higher level of thinking and making connections.
- Focus on process learning skills such as brainstorming, decision making and social skills
- Use supplementary materials in addition to the normal range of resources.
- Encourage peer to peer mentoring
- Integrate cross-curricular lessons
- Incorporate real-world problem solving activities
- Facilitate student-led questioning and discussions

Gifted & Talented Strategies

- More elaborate, complex, and in-depth study of major ideas, problems, and themes that integrate knowledge within and across systems of thought.
- Development and application of productive thinking skills to enable students to reconceptualize existing knowledge and/or generate new knowledge.
- Explore constantly changing knowledge and information and develop the attitude that knowledge is worth pursuing in an open world.
- Encourage exposure to, selection, and use of appropriate and specialized resources.
- Promote self-initiated and self-directed learning and growth.
- Provide for the development of self-understanding and the understanding of one's relationship to persons, societal institutions, nature, and culture.

- Flexible pacing
- Use of more advanced or complex concepts, abstractions, and materials
- Encourage students to move through content areas at their own pace. If they master a particular unit, they need to be provided with more advanced learning activities, not more of the same activity.
- Questions that require a higher level of response and/or open-ended questions that stimulate inquiry, active exploration, and discovery.
- Encourage students to think about subjects in more abstract and complex ways
- Activity selection based on student interests, that encourage self-directed learning
- Group interaction and simulations
- Guided self-management
- Encourage students to demonstrate what they have learned in a wide variety of forms that reflect both knowledge and the ability to manipulate ideas.
- Engage students in active problem-finding and problem-solving activities and research.
- Provide students opportunities for making connections within and across systems of knowledge by focusing on issues, themes, and ideas.