

1st Grade Music Benchmarks

1st Semester Assessed Benchmarks	Benchmark Description
Participates in Singing	
Echoes short rhythmic patterns	4-8 beats, quarter, rest, eighths with body percussion and unpitched percussion.
Reads notated rhythms in varied meters	Quarter notes, quarter rests and eighth notes

2nd Semester Assessed Benchmarks	Benchmark Description
Participates in Singing	
Performs simple rhythmic and melodic patterns independently	*Melodic Patterns (SM and SML on barred instruments) *Rhythmic Patterns (chord and broken borduns, simple ostinato accompaniment, body percussion, xylophones or unpitched percussion)
Reads notated rhythms in varied meters	Quarter notes, quarter rests, eighth notes, half notes and whole notes.

Year-Long Instructed Benchmarks	Benchmark Description
Sings songs of various styles with changes in dynamics and expression	review all kindergarten concepts, mp, mf, f, p, crescendo, decrescendo, allegro, andante
Echoes short rhythmic patterns	Half note and whole note
Echoes short melodic patterns	SM and SML with instruments and voice
Sings harmony	spoken 2 part, drone, bordun, identify melody vs. accompaniment

Year-Long Instructed Benchmarks cont.	Benchmark Description
Reads rhythms in varied meters	beat vs rhythm, half and whole note
Demonstrates the ability to read pitch notation.	higher/lower, repeat, sing, read, write, play SM and SML.
Knows musical symbols and terms	quarter, rest, eights, half, whole, p, mp, mf, f, cres/descres, allegro, andante, music staff)
Demonstrates understanding of various musical elements	same, different, phrases, sections
Identifies instruments by sight and sound	Percussion and Strings
Understands music's role in history of mankind	
Identifies music which represents various genres and styles	Lullaby (Brahms) Marches (Sousa)