

2nd Grade Music Benchmarks

1st Semester Assessed Benchmarks	Benchmark Descriptions
Participates in Singing	
Performs simple rhythmic patterns independently	chord, broken and level borduns, ostinato accompaniments using body percussion, xylophones or unpitched percussion
Demonstrates the ability to read pitch notation	step, leap and repeat

2nd Semester Assessed Benchmarks	Benchmark Descriptions
Participates in Singing	
Performs simple melodic patterns independently	SM, SML, MRD, DMS, and DLS on barred instruments
Reads notated rhythms in varied meters	All 1st grade rhythms plus half rest, whole rest, tie, dotted half note, 2/4,3/4, and 4/4 time signatures

Year-Long Instructed Benchmarks	Benchmark Description
Sings songs of various styles with changes in dynamics and expression	1st grade concepts plus ritardando, staccato and legato
Sings harmony	spoken and sung 2 part, rounds and ostinatos
Echoes short rhythmic and melodic patterns	Echo SM SML MRD DMS and DLS patterns with instruments and voice. Echo 4-8 beats using 2nd grade rhythms on body percussion and unpitched percussion.

Year-Long Instructed Benchmarks cont.	Benchmark Descriptions
Demonstrates the ability to read pitch notation	sing, read, write and play SM, SML, MRD, DMS, and DLS patterns
Reads notated rhythms in varied meters	.1st grade rhythms plus half rest, whole rest, tie, dotted half note, 2/4, 3/4, 4/4 time signatures
Knows musical symbols and terms	quarter, rest, eighths, half, half rest, tie, dotted half, whole, and whole rest, p,mp,mf, f, crescendo/decrescendo, allegro, andante, staff, ritardando, staccato, legato
Demonstrates understanding of various musical elements	AB Form
Identifies various instruments by sight and sound	percussion, string, brass
Understands music's role in history of mankind	Spirituals
Identifies music which represent various genres and styles	Lullabies, Spirituals, Marches and Waltzes