

Kindergarten Music Benchmarks

1st Semester Assessed Benchmarks	Benchmark Description
Participates in Singing	
Echoes short rhythmic patterns	4-8 beats
Responds through purposeful movement to music characteristics	song actions, lullabies/marches, loud/soft, fast/slow.

2nd Semester Assessed Benchmarks	Benchmark Description
Participates in Singing	
Echoes short rhythmic patterns	4-8 beats
Responds through purposeful movement to music characteristics	song actions, lullabies/marches, loud/soft, fast/slow.

Year-Long Instructed Benchmarks	Benchmark Description
Sings songs of various styles with changes in dynamics and expression.	loud/soft, piano/forte, fast/slow.
Sings harmony.	vocal qualities, listening, one vs. many
Performs simple rhythmic and melodic patterns independently.	steady beat on body percussion, unpitched percussion, xylophone drone or bordun. Play instrument assigned to word cue in poem, story, song.
Echoes short melodic patterns.	
Reads notated rhythms in varied meters.	steady beat, long/short, beat/rhythm, quarter note, quarter rest, eighth notes.

Year-Long Instructed Benchmarks cont.	Benchmark Description
Demonstrates the ability to read pitch notation	high/low, higher/lower
Knows musical symbols and terms	Quarter note, rest, eighths, piano/forte
Demonstrates understanding of various musical elements.	same/different
Identifies various instruments by sight and sound.	classroom percussion
Understands music's role in history of humankind	
Identifies music which represents various genres and styles	lullaby and marches