

**Curriculum Summary**  
**Music**  
**Grades 5-8**

**Grade 5**

Students will sing on pitch and in rhythm. They will play moderate rhythmic, melodic and chordal patterns on classroom instruments. Students will read standard rhythm notation and treble clef notes. Students will learn to play the recorder. They will demonstrate understanding of basic music symbols. They will listen to and analyze various musical styles. Students will demonstrate understanding of the elements of music. Students will compare music to the other arts. They will sing seasonal, cultural and liturgical songs, and will perform for an audience.

**Grade 6**

Students will sing on pitch and in rhythm. They will play moderate to complex rhythmic, melodic and chordal patterns on classroom instruments. Students will read standard rhythm notation and treble clef notes. They will play the recorder. They will listen to and analyze various musical styles. Students will demonstrate understanding of the elements of music. They will sing seasonal, cultural and liturgical songs, and will perform for an audience.

**Grade 7 and 8**

Students will sing on pitch and in rhythm, accounting for voice changes in both boys and girls. Students will play complex rhythmic, melodic and chordal patterns on classroom instruments. Students will analyze the uses of the elements of music. Students will demonstrate understanding of standard music symbols. They will understand music in relation to history and culture. Students will sing seasonal, cultural and liturgical songs. They will listen to and analyze contemporary music. Students will demonstrate understanding and application of musical theater genre. They will demonstrate understanding and application of technical theater production skills.