

MUSIC EDUCATION AT SPS

At SPS, general music class is taught to all students in grades K-8. Mrs. Sarah Benedict is the music specialist. Students in K-3rd grades attend once a week for 45 minutes year-round. The 4th-8th grade students attend once a week for 45 minutes for an 18-week semester. Music classes follow the Core Knowledge Curriculum, and adhere to the South Carolina Standards for Music Education in General Music. The focus for these classes is listed below:

K-3rd Focus on singing, playing classroom instruments; learning about orchestra instruments; listening to and describing various musical styles; reading basic music notation and symbols; and identifying music characteristics (such as high/low, loud/soft, fast/slow, melodic direction).

4th-5th Focus on singing; playing classroom instruments; learning about orchestra instruments and voice characteristics; listening to and describing various musical styles; learning about periods of music history and composers; and reading basic and intermediate music notation and symbols. Classes for this group also include a 9-10 week unit learning to play the recorder.

6th-8th Focus on listening to and describing various musical styles; learning about periods of music history and composers; basic music composition; reading basic, intermediate, and advanced intermediate music notation and symbols. Classes for this group also include a 12-week unit learning to play basic acoustic guitar.