

General Music - Focused Instruction Grade Level Vocabulary

	K	1	2	3	4	5
Dynamics	loud/quiet	piano/forte, dynamics	pianissimo, fortissimo	mezzo piano, mezzo forte, crescendo, decrescendo	diminuendo,	sforzando
Form	pattern	form, repeat		phrase, verse, refrain, rondo	interlude, theme, variations, coda	bridge, motif
Melody/Pitch/ Harmony	high/low, upward-downward	pitch, melodic direction, so-mi melody	do-re-la	do'	canon, round, part-work, solfege, so, la,	fa ti partner song, harmony, part, letter names, major, minor
Musical Symbols		lines/spaces	repeat sign, bar line, staff, treble clef, fine	double bar line, phrase, time signature	fermata, D.C. al Fine	accent, D.S. al Fine
Rhythm	short-long, silence	rhythm, quarter note, quarter rest, eighth notes, rest, rhythm syllables to match rhythms taught	half note, half rest	sixteenth notes, whole note, whole rest	dotted half note,	syncopation, dotted rhythms
Other	echo, strike, sound/no sound, mallet	mallet, composition, compose, composer, improvise		audience, notate, ensemble, conductor, baton, breath support, expression	intent, dictate, expressive markings	legato, staccato
Tempo	steady beat, fast/slow	beat, tempo	largo, presto	andante, allegro, adagio, meter, accelerando, ritardando		
Texture		solo, duet		texture, ostinato		
Timbre/Tone Color	Whisper, talk, sing, shout, chant	whisper, talk, sing, shout/call, chant, tone color	Woodwind, Brass, Percussion, Strings	timbre	soprano, alto, tenor, bass	
Classroom Instruments	sand blocks, hand drum, triangle, maraca, jingle bells, wood block, rhythm sticks, stepbells	tambourine, xylophone,	finger cymbals, cymbal	claves	metallophone, glockenspiel	