

Enduring Understanding and Essential Question Statements

CREATING	
Imagine <i>Generate musical ideas for various purposes and contexts.</i>	
Enduring Understanding: The creative ideas, concepts, and feelings that influence musicians' work emerge from a variety of sources.	Essential Question: How do musicians generate creative ideas?
Plan and Make <i>Select and develop musical ideas for defined purposes and contexts.</i>	
Enduring Understanding: Musicians' creative choices are influenced by their expertise, context, and expressive intent.	Essential Question: How do musicians make creative decisions?
Evaluate and Refine <i>Evaluate and refine selected musical ideas to create musical work that meets appropriate criteria.</i>	
Enduring Understanding: Musicians evaluate, and refine their work through openness to new ideas, persistence, and the application of appropriate criteria.	Essential Question: How do musicians improve the quality of their creative work?
Present <i>Share creative musical work that conveys intent, demonstrates craftsmanship, and exhibits originality.</i>	
Enduring Understanding: Musicians' presentation of creative work is the culmination of a process of creation and communication.	Essential Question: When is creative work ready to share?

PERFORMING	
Select <i>Select varied musical works to present based on interest, knowledge, technical skill, and context.</i>	
Enduring Understanding: Performers' interest in and knowledge of musical works, understanding of their own technical skill, and the context for a performance influence the selection of repertoire.	Essential Question: How do performers select repertoire?
Analyze <i>Analyze the structure and context of varied musical works and their implications for performance.</i>	
Enduring Understanding: Analyzing creators' context and how they manipulate elements of music provides insight into their intent and informs performance.	Essential Question: How does understanding the structure and context of musical works inform performance?
Interpret <i>Develop personal interpretations that consider creators' intent.</i>	
Enduring Understanding: Performers make interpretive decisions based on their understanding of context and expressive intent.	Essential Question: How do performers interpret musical works?
Rehearse, Evaluate and Refine <i>Evaluate and refine personal and ensemble performances, individually or in collaboration with others.</i>	
Enduring Understanding: To express their musical ideas, musicians analyze, evaluate, and refine their performance over time through openness to new ideas, persistence, and the application of appropriate criteria.	Essential Question: How do musicians improve the quality of their performance?
Present <i>Perform expressively, with appropriate interpretation and technical accuracy, and in a manner appropriate to the audience and context.</i>	
Enduring Understanding: Musicians judge performance based on criteria that vary across time, place, and cultures. The context and how a work is presented influence the audience response.	Essential Question: When is a performance judged ready to present? How do context and the manner in which musical work is presented influence audience response?

RESPONDING	
Select <i>Choose music appropriate for a specific purpose or context.</i>	
Enduring Understanding: Individuals' selection of musical works is influenced by their interests, experiences, understandings, and purposes.	Essential Question: How do individuals choose music to experience?
Analyze <i>Analyze how the structure and context of varied musical works inform the response.</i>	
Enduring Understanding: Response to music is informed by analyzing context (social, cultural, and historical) and how creators and performers manipulate the elements of music.	Essential Question: How does understanding the structure and context of music inform a response?
Interpret <i>Support interpretations of musical works that reflect creators'/performers' expressive intent.</i>	
Enduring Understanding: Through their use of elements and structures of music, creators and performers provide clues to their expressive intent.	Essential Question: How do we discern musical creators' and performers' expressive intent?
Evaluate <i>Support evaluations of musical works and performances based on analysis, interpretation, and established criteria.</i>	
Enduring Understanding: The personal evaluation of musical works and performances is informed by analysis, interpretation, and established criteria.	Essential Question: How do we judge the quality of musical work(s) and performance(s)?

CONNECTING	
Connect #10 <i>Synthesize and relate knowledge and personal experiences to make music.</i>	
Enduring Understanding: Musicians connect their personal interests, experiences, ideas, and knowledge to creating, performing, and responding.	Essential Question: How do musicians make meaningful connections to creating, performing, and responding?
Connect #11	

Relate musical ideas and works to varied contexts and daily life to deepen understanding.

Enduring Understanding: Understanding connections to varied contexts and daily life enhances musicians' creating, performing, and responding.

Essential Question: How do the other arts, other disciplines, contexts, and daily life inform creating, performing, and responding to music?