

Music Teacher Resources

2022-2023 School Year

This resource list is for new music educators, music educators new to Virginia, and any music teacher looking for a refresher on standards, standards-aligned instructional strategies, and professional learning resources.

Standards of Learning

- **[The 2020 Music Standards of Learning](#)**: The current standards are the *2020 Music Standards of Learning*. The foreword, introduction, goals, explanation of the strands, and health and safety information are at the front of the Standards of Learning document and contain essential information about music education in Virginia.
- **[Progression Charts](#)**: The progression chart shows how the *Music Standards of Learning* progress in depth and complexity over the sequence of a course of study. Educators can use the progression charts to understand significant concepts and skills the standards encompass. In addition, educators can use the progression charts to scaffold instruction for differentiated learning needs.
 - **[Elementary](#)** (PDF)
 - **[General Music - Middle and High](#)** (PDF)
 - **[Middle School Choral](#)** (PDF)
 - **[High School Choral](#)** (PDF)
 - **[Instrumental - Elementary and Middle](#)** (PDF)
 - **[Instrumental - High School](#)** (PDF)
 - **[Music Theory](#)** (PDF)
- **[SOL Overview Recorded Webinars](#)**: These 30-minute recordings and accompanying slide deck file provides an overview and explanation of the 2020 Standards.
 - **[An Overview of the 2020 Music Standards of Learning for Elementary Music Teachers](#)**
 - **[An Overview of the 2020 Music Standards of Learning for Secondary Music Teachers](#)**

Curriculum

- The Code of Virginia requires local school boards to implement standards and approve local curricula aligned to the standards. Discuss curriculum with the staff who oversee fine arts instruction in your division. If your division does not have a curriculum available, you may find this **[curriculum writing slide deck](#)** helpful for creating a framework for the scope and sequence of learning in your course(s).

Standards-aligned Sample Lessons

- **[Music Instructional Plans on GoOpenVA](#)**: Music education resources in this folder are created by Virginia educators and curated by the Virginia Department of Education. Resources are aligned to the *Music Standards of Learning*.
- **[Music Resources on eMediaVA](#)**: Sample lessons are searchable by topic, keyword, discipline, grade level, and SOL number. To learn more about fine arts resources on eMediaVA, **[you can view a recorded webinar](#)** to explain the platform, how to gain access, and how to start and organize a curated collection of instructional materials.

Professional Learning

- **[Professional Learning Resources on GoOpenVA](#)**: On-demand professional learning curated by VDOE staff include recorded webinars, resource documents, and other materials.
- **[Virginia Music Educators Association](#)**: The website includes information on the yearly state conference, regional opportunities, advocacy tools, and more.
- **[National Association for Music Education \(NAfME\)](#)**: Resources, opportunities, membership details, professional learning, and information on the yearly national convention are available on the website.

Communication

- **[Fine Arts Monthly Newsletter](#)**: VDOE fine arts staff send a monthly newsletter of timely resources, opportunities, and news. You can get on the list by emailing **Kelly.Bisogno@doe.virginia.gov**. Archives of the monthly newsletter are available at the bottom of the **[Fine Arts Instruction page of the VDOE Website](#)**.
- **[TeacherDirect](#)**: This weekly e-mail list establishes a direct line of communication with classroom teachers and educators. The goal of TeacherDirect is to share professional development, grant opportunities, and other information of particular interest to teachers and their students.