



# California Subject Examinations for Teachers®

## TEST GUIDE

### MUSIC SUBTEST III

### Subtest Description

This document contains the Music subject matter requirements arranged according to the domains covered by Subtest III of CSET: Music. In parentheses after each named domain is the domain code from the Music subject matter requirements.

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### Music Subtest III: Music Methodology and Repertoire

#### Part I: Content Domains for Subject Matter Understanding and Skill in Music

##### MUSIC METHODOLOGY AND REPERTOIRE (SMR Domain 6)

Candidates demonstrate an advanced understanding of music methodology and repertoire for listening and performance that reflects the content in the Visual and Performing Arts Content Standards for California Public Schools Prekindergarten Through Grade Twelve: Music (2001). Candidates have both broad and deep conceptual knowledge of the subject matter. They have in-depth knowledge of methodology of general music as well as instrumental and choral performance ensembles. Candidates are familiar with a broad range of repertoire, and they apply criteria to evaluate pieces of music for specific purposes. Candidates are familiar with the broad range of technology used in creating, listening to, and studying music. They are also knowledgeable about strategies for sequencing music activities and about specialized music evaluation tools.

##### 0001 Music Methodology (SMR 6.1)

- a. Demonstrate knowledge of techniques for developing aural perception skills and for developing the ability to read and interpret music.
- b. Demonstrate basic knowledge of various music learning approaches and methodologies (e.g., Orff Schulwerk, Kodály, Dalcroze, Suzuki, and Gordon Music Learning Theory).
- c. Demonstrate knowledge of basic instrumental techniques.
- d. Demonstrate knowledge of basic vocal/choral techniques.
- e. Demonstrate basic knowledge of solfège methodologies.
- f. Demonstrate functional knowledge and skills in voice, keyboard, woodwinds, brass, strings, guitar, and percussion.
- g. Demonstrate knowledge of ensemble rehearsal techniques.
- h. Demonstrate knowledge of the effects of peer instruction, collaborative learning groups, lectures, demonstrations, and facilitating discussions of musical performances on music learning.
- i. Identify strategies for sequencing music activities and understand how music activities relate to student content standards.
- j. Demonstrate knowledge of specialized music evaluation tools such as pencil-and-paper critiques, videotaping, audiotaping, portfolios, adjudication forms, and rubrics.

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- k. Demonstrate an understanding of the developmental stages of learning (i.e., knowledge of the cognitive, physical, and social development of students) in relation to music.
- l. Recognize uses of technology as a tool in creating, listening to, and studying music (e.g., CD-ROM, DVD, computers, Internet, synthesizers, MIDI, other digital/electronic technology).
- m. Understand strategies for facilitating equity, access, accommodation, and adaptation in learning music.

(Visual and Performing Arts Content Standards for California Public Schools Prekindergarten Through Grade Twelve: Music: All grade levels: Standards 1–5. National Board for Professional Teaching Standards [NBPTS] Music Standards: Standard III.)

**0002 Repertoire and Literature for Listening, Performance, and Study (SMR 6.2)**

- a. Know and apply criteria and background knowledge for selection of appropriate music repertoire and literature from diverse cultures and historical periods for various developmental levels and applications in school and community settings.
- b. Demonstrate familiarity with historical and contemporary works from various musical traditions and diverse cultures.
- c. Demonstrate familiarity with sequential, developmental, and cultural factors used in selecting music literature for performance.
- d. Know and apply criteria for selection of music repertoire and literature to make connections and enhance relationships with other curricular areas.
- e. Know copyright laws and legal consequences as they apply to the school music program.

(Visual and Performing Arts Content Standards for California Public Schools Prekindergarten Through Grade Twelve: Music: Grade 4: 2.1–2.2, Grade 5: 2.1–2.2, Grade 6: 2.1 and 2.3, Grade 7: 2.1 and 2.3, Grade 8: 2.1 and 2.3, Grades 9 through 12–Proficient: 2.1, 2.4, and 3.4–3.5, and Grades 9 through 12–Advanced: 2.1, 2.4, and 3.4. National Board for Professional Teaching Standards [NBPTS] Music Standards: Standard IV.)

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**Part II: Subject Matter Skills and Abilities Applicable to the  
Content Domains in Music**

Candidates for Single Subject Teaching Credentials in music are accomplished musicians with excellent musicianship skills and a thorough understanding of musical content knowledge. They demonstrate functional keyboarding skills and perform proficiently on a primary instrument or with voice, and they are able to demonstrate these skills effectively in the classroom to inspire and instruct their students. They apply their comprehensive knowledge of music theory, music history, and cultural context to analyze musical works. They use this information to conduct and produce technically accurate and musically expressive instrumental and choral performances. Using their knowledge of aesthetics, they develop and apply criteria for critiquing performances and compositions.

As prospective music teachers, candidates are knowledgeable about various methodologies for providing developmentally appropriate sequential instruction in general music and performance classes. Candidates have a thorough knowledge of the California State Content Standards for music, and they incorporate these standards into instruction. They know how to incorporate technology into instruction, and they connect instruction in music with other arts and academic disciplines. They are also familiar with a wide range of repertoire for listening and performance, and they incorporate into instruction pieces of music from a wide range of historical periods, styles, and cultures. They know techniques for developing singing skills and techniques for playing a variety of instruments and can transfer this information to their students. Candidates are also well versed in a variety of techniques for planning and assessing learning in general music and performance classes, and they are able to adapt instruction to meet the needs of all students in their classes. Being familiar with various careers available in the field of music, they are able to inform students about and encourage students to investigate opportunities for pursuing a career in music.

(Visual and Performing Arts Content Standards for California Public Schools Prekindergarten Through Grade Twelve: Music: All grade levels: Standards 1–5. Music Teacher Preparation in California: Standards of Quality and Effectiveness for Subject Matter Programs: Standards III and IV. National Board for Professional Teaching Standards [NBPTS] Music Standards: Standard II.)