

# Music Subject Matter Requirements

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

### Domain 1. Artistic Perception

Candidates demonstrate an advanced understanding of the facets of artistic perception contained 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 possess highly developed aural musicianship and aural analysis skills and have acquired advanced knowledge of written music theory and analysis.

#### 1.1 Aural Musicianship

- a. Recognize errors in solo and ensemble performances (e.g., melodic, rhythmic, harmonic, intonation, dynamic, interpretational).
- b. Transcribe aurally presented musical excerpts into melodic, harmonic, and rhythmic notation.
- c. Analyze and describe the form, style, and expressive elements of a musical example.
- d. Recognize and describe cultural elements from diverse historical periods, genres, and styles of Western and non-Western music.
- e. Analyze and describe the use of musical elements in a given work (e.g., melody, harmony, rhythm, texture) that make it unique, interesting, and expressive.

(Visual and Performing Arts Content Standards for California Public Schools Prekindergarten Through Grade Twelve: Music: Grade 1: 1.2, Grade 2: 1.3–1.4, Grade 3: 1.3 and 1.6, Grade 4: 1.4 and 1.6, Grade 5: 1.4–1.6, Grade 6: 1.3 and 1.5–1.6, Grade 7: 1.3 and 1.5–1.6, Grade 8: 1.3 and 1.5–1.7, Grades 9 through 12–Proficient: 1.2 and 1.4–1.6, and Grades 9 through 12–Advanced: 1.2 and 1.4–1.6. Music Teacher Preparation in California: Standards of Quality and Effectiveness for Subject Matter Programs: Standard II.)

#### 1.2 Written Theory and Analysis of Western Music

- a. Demonstrate the ability to read and notate music (e.g., use of notation in various clefs; key and time signatures; scales and melodic elements; intervals, triads, and chords; figured bass; rhythm, meter, and tempo; dynamic and expressive symbols; music terminology).
- b. Demonstrate the ability to read a full instrumental and/or choral score and describe how the elements of music (e.g., doublings, melody and accompaniment, transpositions, orchestration) are used.
- c. Analyze and identify the form, style, compositional devices, harmonic progressions, and cadences in a score excerpt.

(Visual and Performing Arts Content Standards for California Public Schools Prekindergarten Through Grade Twelve: Music: Grade 1: 1.1–1.2, Grade 2: 1.1–1.4, Grade 3: 1.1–1.2 and 1.6, Grade 4: 1.1–1.4 and 1.6, Grade 5: 1.1–1.3 and 1.6, Grade 6: 1.1–1.2 and 1.5–1.6, Grade 7: 1.1–1.2 and 1.5–1.6, Grade 8: 1.1–1.2 and 1.5–1.6, Grades 9 through 12–Proficient: 1.1 and 1.6, and Grades 9 through 12–Advanced: 1.1 and 1.5–1.6. Music Teacher Preparation in California: Standards of Quality and Effectiveness for Subject Matter Programs: Standard I.)

## **Domain 2. Creative Expression**

Candidates demonstrate an advanced understanding of the facets of creative expression contained 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 perform expressively and skillfully on a primary instrument or with voice. To meet the needs of the general music classroom and ensemble rehearsals, they also play the keyboard proficiently. Candidates have a thorough knowledge of conducting techniques, and they demonstrate that they can conduct choral and instrumental ensembles expressively and skillfully. They are also skilled at sight-singing, sight-reading, composing, arranging, and improvising music for classroom and performance situations.

### **2.1 Instrumental and Vocal Proficiency**

- a. Demonstrate competence on a primary instrument or with voice by performing individually and in ensembles with appropriate expression and good musicianship skills (e.g., technical accuracy, tone quality, intonation, articulation).
- b. Demonstrate sight-singing and sight-reading skills.

(Visual and Performing Arts Content Standards for California Public Schools Prekindergarten Through Grade Twelve: Music: Kindergarten: 2.1–2.3, Grade 1: 2.1–2.3, Grade 2: 2.1–2.3, Grade 3: 2.1–2.3, Grade 4: 1.2–1.3 and 2.1–2.2, Grade 5: 1.1–1.3 and 2.1–2.2, Grade 6: 1.1–1.2, 1.4, and 2.1–2.3, Grade 7: 1.1–1.2, 1.4, and 2.1–2.3, Grade 8: 1.1–1.2, 1.4, and 2.1–2.3, Grades 9 through 12–Proficient: 1.3 and 2.1–2.5, and Grades 9 through 12–Advanced: 1.3 and 2.1–2.5. Music Teacher Preparation in California: Standards of Quality and Effectiveness for Subject Matter Programs: Standard II.)

### **2.2 Functional Keyboard Skills**

- a. Demonstrate functional keyboard proficiency.
- b. Demonstrate sight-reading proficiency.

(Visual and Performing Arts Content Standards for California Public Schools Prekindergarten Through Grade Twelve: Music: Grade 1: 2.3, Grade 4: 1.2–1.3 and 2.2, Grade 5: 1.1–1.3 and 2.2, Grade 6: 1.1–1.2, 1.4, and 2.3, Grade 7: 1.1–1.2, 1.4, and 2.3, Grade 8: 1.1–1.2, 1.4, and 2.3, Grades 9 through 12–Proficient: 1.3 and 2.4, and Grades 9 through 12–Advanced: 1.3 and 2.4. Music Teacher Preparation in California: Standards of Quality and Effectiveness for Subject Matter Programs: Standard II.)

## 2.3 Conducting

- a. Understand and demonstrate basic conducting patterns.
- b. Understand and demonstrate cuing techniques.
- c. Understand and demonstrate techniques for conducting expressively.
- d. Interpret and analyze a choral or instrumental score (e.g., identifying potential performance issues).

(Visual and Performing Arts Content Standards for California Public Schools Prekindergarten Through Grade Twelve: Music: 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: 1.1, 1.4, 2.1, and 2.3–2.5, and Grades 9 through 12–Advanced: 1.1, 2.1, and 2.3–2.5. Music Teacher Preparation in California: Standards of Quality and Effectiveness for Subject Matter Programs: Standard II.)

## 2.4 Composing and Arranging

- a. Recognize and understand compositional techniques and textures (e.g., counterpoint, ostinato, melody and countermelody, tone row).
- b. Understand and demonstrate how to arrange music (e.g., scoring techniques, transpositions, ranges) for voices and/or various acoustic or digital/electronic instruments.
- c. Understand and demonstrate how to harmonize a given melody.
- d. Understand and demonstrate, given specific parameters, how to create a melodic and/or rhythmic composition.

(Visual and Performing Arts Content Standards for California Public Schools Prekindergarten Through Grade Twelve: Music: Kindergarten: 2.4, Grade 3: 2.4, Grade 4: 2.3, Grade 5: 2.3, Grade 6: 2.4–2.5, Grade 7: 2.4–2.5, Grade 8: 2.4–2.5, Grades 9 through 12–Proficient: 2.6–2.8, and Grades 9 through 12–Advanced: 2.6–2.7.)

## 2.5 Improvising

- a. Understand and demonstrate how to create melodic and rhythmic improvisations.
- b. Understand and demonstrate techniques for improvising an accompaniment on keyboard.

(Visual and Performing Arts Content Standards for California Public Schools Prekindergarten Through Grade Twelve: Music: Grade 1: 2.4, Grade 2: 2.4, Grade 4: 2.3, Grade 5: 2.3, Grade 6: 2.6, Grade 7: 2.6–2.7, Grade 8: 2.6–2.7, Grades 9 through 12–Proficient: 2.9–2.10, and Grades 9 through 12–Advanced: 2.8. Music Teacher Preparation in California: Standards of Quality and Effectiveness for Subject Matter Programs: Standard II.)

## Domain 3. Historical and Cultural Foundations

Candidates demonstrate an advanced understanding of the historical and cultural foundations of music contained 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 demonstrate wide knowledge of music from around the world, the history of Western music, and the history of music in the United States and California. They use this knowledge when analyzing musical works for various purposes.

### **3.1 Music History and Cultural Context**

- a. Identify and describe stylistic differences (e.g., genres, media, social functions) in music from various cultures and historical periods.
- b. Analyze musical works from various cultures and historical periods in terms of their form or genre, organizational principles, historical and cultural context, use of the elements of music, use of expressive devices, and any unique features they possess.
- c. Understand the roles of musicians and composers in diverse cultures and historical periods.
- d. Identify the influences of diverse cultural and ethnic groups on music in California and the United States.
- e. Demonstrate knowledge of instruments from a variety of cultures and historical periods.
- f. Explain how music from various cultures and historical periods reflects social functions, changing ideas, and cultural values.

(Visual and Performing Arts Content Standards for California Public Schools Prekindergarten Through Grade Twelve: Music: Kindergarten: 3.1–3.4 and 4.2, Grade 1: 3.1–3.4, Grade 2: 3.1–3.3, Grade 3: 3.1–3.4, Grade 4: 1.5 and 3.1–3.5, Grade 5: 3.1–3.5, Grade 6: 1.5 and 3.1–3.5, Grade 7: 1.5 and 3.1–3.6, Grade 8: 1.5, 3.1–3.6, and 4.3–4.4, Grades 9 through 12–Proficient: 1.6, 3.1–3.3, and 4.3–4.4, and Grades 9 through 12–Advanced: 1.6, 3.1–3.3, 3.5–3.8, and 4.2–4.3. National Board for Professional Teaching Standards [NBPTS] Music Standards: Standard II.)

### **Domain 4. Aesthetic Valuing**

Candidates demonstrate an advanced understanding of aesthetic valuing in music as contained 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 are able to respond to, analyze, and critique performances and works of music, including their own.

#### **4.1 Critical Evaluation**

- a. Know and apply criteria for evaluating the quality and effectiveness of musical performances, compositions, and arrangements.
- b. Evaluate a performance, composition, arrangement, or improvisation by comparing it with an exemplary model.
- c. Know and apply criteria for evaluating and assessing the quality and effectiveness of one's own musical performance.

(Visual and Performing Arts Content Standards for California Public Schools Prekindergarten Through Grade Twelve: Music: Grade 2: 4.1, Grade 3: 4.1 and 4.3, Grade 4: 4.1, Grade 5: 4.2, Grade 6: 3.5 and 4.1–4.3, Grade 7: 4.1–4.3, Grade 8: 4.1–4.4, Grades 9 through 12–Proficient: 4.1–4.4, and Grades 9 through 12–Advanced: 4.1–4.3.)

### **Domain 5. Connections, Relationships, and Applications**

Candidates demonstrate an advanced understanding of music connections, relationships, and applications contained 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 understand the connections and relationships between music and the other arts as well as between music and other academic disciplines. Candidates are also familiar with the broad range of career and lifelong learning opportunities available in the field of music as well as the ways in which music functions in the media and entertainment industries.

### **5.1 Connections and Relationships**

- a. Recognize and describe ways of integrating arts disciplines.
- b. Understand how elements, artistic processes, and organizational principles are used in similar and distinctive ways in the various arts.
- c. Identify similarities and differences in the meanings of common terms used in various arts and other subject areas.
- d. Identify and explain ways in which the principles and subject matter of music and various disciplines outside the arts are interrelated (e.g., acoustics).

(Visual and Performing Arts Content Standards for California Public Schools Prekindergarten Through Grade Twelve: Music: Kindergarten: 5.1, Grade 2: 5.1, Grade 3: 5.1, Grade 4: 5.1–5.3, Grade 6: 5.1, Grade 7: 5.1, Grade 8: 5.1, Grades 9 through 12–Proficient: 5.1, and Grades 9 through 12–Advanced: 5.1–5.2.)

### **5.2 Career Applications and Functions of Music**

- a. Identify a variety of careers and avocations in the field of music.
- b. Explain ways in which music functions in the media and entertainment industries (e.g., radio, television, Internet, advertising, film, video, theatre).
- c. Know and apply current research to support the inclusion of music in the school curriculum.

(Visual and Performing Arts Content Standards for California Public Schools Prekindergarten Through Grade Twelve: Music: Kindergarten: 5.2, Grade 2: 5.2, Grade 3: 5.2, Grade 5: 5.1–5.2, Grade 6: 5.2, Grade 7: 5.2–5.3, Grade 8: 5.2–5.3, Grades 9 through 12–Advanced: 4.1 and 5.2–5.3, and Grades 9 through 12–Proficient: 5.2–5.3.)

## **Domain 6. Music Methodology and Repertoire**

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.

### **6.1 Music Methodology**

- 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 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.
- 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.)

## **6.2 Repertoire and Literature for Listening, Performance, and Study**

- 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.)

## **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.)