**2025-2026**

**Music Course Descriptions**

This class is led by Teacher Diana Houseknecht at Above and Beyond Homeschool Co-op

**Early Childhood (Pre-K & Kindergarten) Music Education**

This early childhood music education class will encourage cooperation and sharing during group activities. It will support literacy and math development by integrating music activities that can help children learn letters, numbers, and counting. Students will develop early musical skills through singing, movement, and playing instruments. Students will enhance listening skillsby focusing on music and responding through movement or vocalizations.  The class will foster creativityand provide opportunities for children to create their own music and movement routines.

**1st-2nd Grade General Music Course Description**

Students will be exposed to listening, singing, playing, moving, reading, notating, performing, and creating music. Children are encouraged to explore these ideas and acquire the variety of basic skills that nurture further learning and activities across the curriculum.

**3-5th Grade General Music Course Description**

Students will develop skills and an understanding of musical elements and concepts including melody, notation, rhythm, form, harmony, texture, timbre, and expressive elements through active learning.

**6-8th Grade General Music Course Description**

This music class is designed to be a music appreciation course that teaches students about the “ingredients” of music such as melody, harmony, notation, texture, style, rhythm and form.  Students will explore the basics of music as well as sing, perform on classroom instruments, and listen to various examples of music from around the world, including musical theatre.

**9-12 grade General Music Course Description**

This music class focuses on understanding and appreciating music from various genres, time periods, and cultures. It's not about learning to play an instrument or sing, but rather about developing an understanding of musical elements like rhythm, melody, and harmony, as well as the historical and cultural context of different musical styles. The class will integrate technology for creating and recording music. Students will use common free apps such as Garage Band, Audacity and OBS. Students will need to have access to an IOS device for class and at home. I-pad generation 3 or higher or mac book. The focus of learning will be project creation and performance. Students will work independently and in groups.