

To: Gail Netland, Director of Curriculum
From: Teri L. Akervik, Music Curriculum Specialist
Date: April 1, 2019
Re: K-12 Music Adoption

The Music Department is recommending for approval the budget adoption in the amount of \$95,000 for curriculum materials, instruments and other classroom equipment. We also recommend the acceptance of the 2018 Draft-Minnesota State Music Standards as the district standards and benchmarks for students, K-12.

During the adoption review process, the Music Adoption Committee revised the Music Department Belief Statement and drafted assessment maps for each course. The team of teachers also researched district, state and national music standards and reviewed multiple music series and supplemental curricular materials. The materials were evaluated based on a set of criteria including: music literacy, scope and sequence, technology limitations, and the district Tool for Equity Accountability (TEA).

Due to budget limitations, the recommended amount is small in comparison to the original music request for this adoption which exceeded \$360,000 (not including pianos or technology). Also, the Elementary Music program will not be able to adopt a new textbook series as has been done in previous adoptions due to cost. The Music Department has begun drafting an Instrument/Equipment and Piano Replacement Plan Request which will be shared with you in the next few months.

The Adoption Committee requests one additional staff development day for teachers this summer to be trained on the new materials and equipment. The Music Department will continue to revise common assessments for the new benchmarks, develop curriculum units, lessons and review assessment rubrics.

Additional information regarding the Music adoption will be shared with you in a Google Folder.

\$28,300 Band
17,500 Choir
28,100 Elementary Music
11,100 General/Secondary
10,000 Orchestra
\$95,000

“The Duluth Public Schools Music Department believes that music is integral to a holistic education for all students, leading to lifelong engagement in the arts.”

FY 18-19 Music Adoption Committee:

Core Group (District-Wide Music Committee): Teri Akervik, Clare Chopp, Leslie Churchill, Chad Hanson, Blake Peterson & Jerry Upton

K-5: Patti Kittelson, Kristin Paschen & Regan Walsh

6-8 Choir: Sheila Shusterich & Ben Ellison

6-8 Band: Leslie Churchill & Sandra Boynton

6-12 Orchestra: Clare Chopp, Kevin Hoeschen & James Larson

9-12 Choir: Jerry Upton & Paul Christenson

9-12 Band: Blake Peterson & Josh LeHigh

General Music Courses: Chad Hanson

The District-Wide Music Committee recommends the adoption of the 2018 Minnesota State Music standards and benchmarks (final 2018 draft is at state legislative committee) for use in ISD #709 curriculum. A team of music teachers has been working to review and research current curriculum, best teaching and learning practices and revise current curriculum and assessments. The adoption work includes a request for money to purchase new materials and equipment for use with students to meet the Minnesota standards and assessment requirements.