

**Northwestern School Corporation**  
**Music Curriculum**  
**Mission Statement, Philosophy and Beliefs**

Mission Statement

As music teachers in the Northwestern School Corporation, we believe that all people have the right to an education in music that:

- Teaches them the lifelong joy of making music through singing, playing instruments, and movement.
- Gives them a chance to express through music and dance what cannot be expressed in words.
- Helps them to respond to music intellectually and emotionally.
- Teaches them the language of music notation and opens the door to improvising, composing, arranging and choreographing.
- Equips them to make informed judgments about musical works and performances.
- Educates them in the music of all cultures and historical eras.
- Gives them confidence that can prepare them for success in many musical and non-music endeavors.
- Allows them to discover and develop their special talents, including preparing to make music their profession, if they so choose.
- Prepares them to be involved with music throughout their lives.

Philosophy and Beliefs

1. We believe that music provides worthy educational experiences which are fulfilling, creative, and challenging.
2. We believe that positive self-concepts are developed through creative experiences that also provide skills for career and vocational pursuits.
3. We believe music should form part of the basic educational preparation of all children.
4. We believe that participation in and understanding of music becomes a lifelong pursuit beyond formal education.
5. We believe that artistic disciplines allow students the opportunity to express themselves as a result of perceiving, identifying, describing, and analyzing the unique characteristics of music.
6. We believe that all students should have the opportunity to develop their creative, intellectual, and expressive potential in music to the fullest.
7. We believe that music should have a prominent place in the school and community.