

MUSIC ELEMENTS ACADEMIC COUSINS

MELODY is related to Language Arts and Visual Arts. Ballads, songs that tell stories, are related to Language Arts because they are stories sung that involve sequencing, with a beginning, middle, and an end. Melodic lines are drawn in song maps to show young children where their voices should go, i.e., skip or step higher or lower than the beginning pitch, or remain on the pitch for a certain number of beats.

Reference approved Beacon lessons with both Language Arts and Music Sunshine State Standards:

“Our Anthem” by Jill Taylor (LA.B.1.2.1.4.1 and MU.E.1.2.2)

“You’ve Got My Money!!!!” by Anissa Ruiz (LA.D.1.1.1.1.1 and MU.B.2.1.1)

HARMONY is related to the study of History. Just as notes match well with certain chord accompaniments, throughout the history of America, immigrants have adapted their own cultures to the ones in place wherever they settled and people live in harmony together. HARMONY is also related to science. Engines, pistons, and wheels all work together in harmony to make transportation possible.

RHYTHM is related to Mathematics. Notes and rests have certain durations or counts. Notes and rests are combined to make up rhythms. One must know the value or beat assigned each note/rest within a certain meter in order to write music.

Reference approved Beacon lessons with both Mathematics and Music Sunshine State Standards:

“How Do I Measure Up?” by Tisa Craig (MA.B.4.2.2.5.1 and MU.A.3.2.1)

“Let’s Play” by Roberto Gonzalez-Trigo (MA.D.1.1.1.0.1 and MU.A.2.1.1)

TONE COLOR is related to Science. Production of sound has to do with vibration, frequency of striking, levels of water, size of instruments, etc.

Reference approved Beacon lessons with both Science and Music Sunshine State Standards:

“Sounds You See, Hear and Feel” by Michele Dawn Manieri
(MU.E.1.1.2 and SC.C.2.1.2.0.1)

FORM is related to Social Studies in that the form of music is the map of the musical composition. FORM is also related to Language Arts which uses sequence, repetition, and antecedent/consequence just like written works.

