

## **Philosophy of Music Education**

Music is truly a gift from God. It is a gift given to all of God's children, not only to professional musicians. Music is one of the richest ways that we can glorify our Savior. There are so many places in the Bible that command us to worship God with singing and instruments. God created humans in such a unique way with voices that are able to sing. What a privilege to use those voices to bring glory to His name! He gave us fingers that can move with dexterity, and minds that can decode notes and musical symbols. How awesome when we can use those gifts as an offering of praise! We were once lost in our sin, but now we have been redeemed by Jesus' sacrifice on the cross. What a reason to sing and to make music! It is the most natural response of a grateful heart.

Music is a blessing to the musician. Being able to create music can provide joy for an entire lifetime. Music enables people to be lifelong learners because growth is always possible. Developing our God-given gifts is an act of obedience. Creating music with others builds community and can be a faith builder as one worships with fellow believers.

Music is a blessing to those who listen. It provides comfort and encouragement. When we use the gifts God has given us, we serve others. Music touches hearts and lives.

It is the privilege and responsibility of Sanborn Christian School to provide every student with quality instruction and opportunities to create, perform, and respond to the gift of music. It is our goal to develop the musical gifts of each student, enabling them to use those gifts in a lifetime of praise.