

Drumming Circles



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NYS STANDARD

Music and Health

GRADE LEVEL

Grades 1-4

STUDENTS SERVED

450 students

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The purpose of the Drumming Circle grant was to integrate the art of music with the counseling program; to provide an innovative, multicultural experience using percussion instruments in group and classroom settings.

The Drumming Circle grant was developed after participating in a drum circle workshop and reading current materials relating to drum circles. After collaboration, music teachers taught basic drumming skills to students in the classroom setting and counselors organized the drumming circle group and parent/child night. Evaluation occurred through observation by teachers and counselors regarding the standards and benchmarks from the music and health curriculum and evaluation forms were used for the parent/child night.

Materials needed include percussion instruments and arts/crafts materials to make percussion instruments for the parent/child night.

STUDENT OUTCOMES

This grant supported and improved student achievement by providing an opportunity for students to connect with peers in a fun, creative way and allow them to express themselves as individuals as well as positively contributing to a group. It was an effective way for students to develop their capacity for creative expression, listening, working together, communication, leadership and an appreciation for diversity. It proved to be good experience for team building and developing a sense of community.