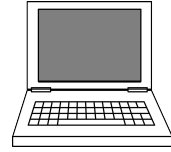


# Special Area Expectations 2025-2026



## WHAT ARE SPECIAL AREAS?

Cedar Bluff has a 9-day Special Area rotation. In that rotation, they will visit Music (2x), Art (2x), Library (2x), STEM (1x), and Physical Education (2x). A calendar is sent home every month by your child's classroom teacher with the rotation schedule. Please be sure your child is aware of the rotation schedule and is dressed appropriately for the class they have on any given day.

In the case of a school cancellation due to inclement weather or illness, we will not skip days in the rotation. So, if it is Day 3 and school is cancelled, it will be Day 3 when we return.

## SPECIAL AREA TEACHERS

Art:

Kelly Coffey

Tiffany Eng-Szakacs

Music:

Christine Bock

Elizabeth Brown

Physical Education:

Hugh Powers

Rachel Draper

Library:

Nicole Richardson

Laurie Stansbury

Technology:

Sarah Kerstetter

## PARTICIPATION EXPECTATIONS

Special Area subjects are part of your child's holistic education and the skills learned are important to the development of their brains, body, emotions, creativity, and 21st-Century skills.. All lessons are based on the Tennessee Academic Standards which can be found here:

<https://www.tn.gov/education/districts/academic-standards.html>

All students are expected to participate in Special Areas to the best of their ability. **If your child has special circumstance that may inhibit their participation, such as a religious belief, or physical condition, please be sure to communicate that to your child's Special Areas Teachers.** Otherwise, failure to participate may result in a lowered skills grade.

## Grades

Your child receives a skills grade and a behavior grade on each report card from Music, Art, and PE.. More information about report cards can be found here: <https://www.knoxschools.org/Page/6066>.

Although Library and STEM do not give grades on report cards, school wide behavior expectations apply in these classes.

All grades can be seen in the Aspen Family Portal. For help with logging into the portal, visit: <https://www.knoxschools.org/aspeninfo>. Parents/Guardians will be notified, in writing, if a child's grade falls to a C or below. Grades are reset at the beginning of every 9-weeks.

## **BEHAVIOR EXPECTATIONS**

In order to make these visits enjoyable, educational, and engaging for all our students, we ask that they follow the following behavior expectations.

- Follow directions the first time you are asked.
- Participate in all activities.
- Keep hands and feet to yourself.
- Sit safely in your spot.
- Take care of our equipment, materials, instruments and technology.
- Be respectful to classmates and teachers.

If for any reason a child does not follow one of these expectations, a warning will be given. After that warning, if the behavior continues, they will earn a behavior mark and a lower behavior grade for that nine weeks. **At teacher's discretion, severe misbehavior or disrespect may result in alternative or accelerated consequences.**

## **MATERIALS**

In addition to adopted curricula, Special Areas may use supplemental materials. To learn more about the selection of instructional materials, visit: <https://tinyurl.com/mwdp7xwn>.

For more information about classroom libraries visit: <https://www.knoxschools.org/domain/13166>

### **A Note about YouTube Videos:**

These videos are always previewed from KCS approved channels. Videos could be performance examples, rhythmic or melodic play alongs, read aloud books, art processes, dance examples, or game examples. Students will not be allowed to access YouTube from their individual devices.

### **MUSIC:**

KCS adopted curriculum: QuaverEd

Other materials used:

MusicPlay Online

Chrome Music Lab

Past textbook adoptions

Music K-8

Books from Classroom Library

Selected YouTube Videos (see note)

### **ART:**

To learn more about our Art Curriculum, visit

<https://www.knoxschools.org/Page/2039>.

Other materials used:

"How to Draw" series of books

Books from Classroom Library

Selected YouTube Videos (see note)

BrainPop

### **PHYSICAL EDUCATION:**

All games and activities are based on state standards.

Other Materials:

Spotify

Wii Sports

Selected YouTube (see note)

### **LIBRARY & TECHNOLOGY:**

All books, materials, and online services used are available on our websites:

<https://www.knoxschools.org/domain/3348> (Library)

<https://www.knoxschools.org/site/Default.aspx?PageID=21806>  
(Technology)

### **TRACK MEET:**

In the spring, each student within the age guidelines has the opportunity to try out for the county track meet during PE class. The top scorers in each event, with excellent behavior grades, will be selected to represent our school at the event. A small fee for transportation and t-shirt will be charged. Please contact the PE teachers if you have further questions.