

**Falmouth Public Schools
Program/Position/Account Evaluation Template**

Program Title: Grade 5-6 General Music Teacher Reduction - .5 position		School/Grade Levels: Falmouth Middle School
Brief Program Description: This year (09-10) there are 59 general music students in grade 5 and 85 general music students in grade 6. Next year's 5 th grade is projected to be about 8 students less than the current 6 th grade. There are 4 possible teaching blocks at each grade level, and with two teachers 8 possible teaching blocks. It is possible to reduce grades 5 and 8 general music instruction to 1.5 positions from 2 by having one teacher cover grades 5 and 6 and two teachers cover grades 7 and 8.		
Program Purpose: To reduce the number of general music teachers from 2 in grades 5 through 8 to 1.5.		
Program Objectives: Reduce costs by reduction of staff positions due to declining enrollment.		
Number of Students Served: Approximately 130 in grades 5 and 6 general music for 10-11. (about 70 in grade 5 and 60 in grade 6)	Number of Staff: Currently 2 – proposed 1.5	Other Individuals/Groups Impacted by Program: In order to keep teacher planning time equitable, we would need to look at additional coverage in the building for two UA ROCK classes.
Program Costs: Savings of \$30,000 per year.		
Evaluation of Outcomes (data available): One impact of the reduction of music teachers would be increase in general music class sizes in the 5 th grade for 2010-11. Class sizes would increase from an average of 14 to 17 or 18. Sixth grade classes for next year would still be at about 15 students per class. With larger class sizes, some equipment might needed to be shared or rotated in order for all students to have the opportunity to use the equipment. The reduction would significantly impact at least one of the music teachers.		Recommendations: If necessary to meet budget targets, reduce General Music teachers at the Middle School from 2 to 1.5. There would be 2 teachers to support 7 th and 8 th grade General Music, and 1 to support 5 th and 6 th grade general music.