

## ENHANCING CREATIVITY THROUGH DIGITAL AND CULTURAL LEARNING

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Music education today is becoming more creative and engaging because of technology and student-centered activities. One growing trend is the use of digital tools such as music-making apps, virtual instruments, and audio editing software. These allow students to compose songs, create beats, and explore sound even without expensive instruments (Cevikbas et al., 2024). It also helps learners express themselves and discover new music styles from around the world.

Another important trend is performance-based learning. Students are encouraged to join school music bands, virtual choirs, and online performances. These activities build confidence, teamwork, and real-world musical skills. Music teachers also allow students to choose songs they love, making learning more enjoyable and connected to their daily lives (OECD, 2023).

Music classes now include cultural appreciation, where students explore Filipino musical traditions like kundiman, folk dances, and indigenous instruments. This helps preserve cultural identity while comparing it with modern music (U.S. Department of Education, 2023).

Teachers are also ensuring that music classes are inclusive. They adapt lessons so everyone, including learners with disabilities, can participate and enjoy music in their own ways. With technology, creativity, and cultural appreciation, music education continues to evolve and inspire future musicians.

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