



Songwriting/Sound Production Program



Rock For Kids believes that a comprehensive music education program at the elementary school level will help students to develop the cognitive and academic benefits that will allow them to pursue higher learning, as well as the self-esteem to expect and attain ambitious life goals.

The program includes:

A Songwriting/Production Teacher – Mike Hero is a graduate of the School of the Art Institute. Mike works as a producer for Trackforce Productions whose clients include The Oprah Winfrey Show, The Tyra Banks Show and MTV. He has also collaborated with the Grammy award winning production team, Track Kingz and teaches *The History of Chicago Hip Hop* at the School of the Art Institute.

A Comprehensive Curriculum – Songwriting/Production classes give students a chance to gain hands on experience in the world of music production while working together and exercising their creativity. This 12-week course is offered to 6th through 8th grade students. A limit of eight students per class allows for a great deal of personal interaction with the teacher and hands on work with the equipment. This class explores the creation of a song from top to bottom. Students gain experience writing lyrics and using ProTools software, Mac Books, MPC Sampler/Sequencers and microphones. Students use their newfound skills to write, perform, produce, and record their own collaborative pieces of music. The final result is at least one polished and recorded song on CD for the students to take home and share.

Constructive Collaboration - Students work together to create a healthy and supportive environment as part of a collaborative unit, through constructive criticism practice and respect for other students' creative processes.

The chance to experience the joy of music and explore their own creative identity in a supportive environment.