

## Community Music School (CMS)

Detroit

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# Verses: Exploring Literacy through Lyrics and Song



The Verses project is a literacy-based approach to the art of songwriting, composing, performing, mixing and recording. This program includes creative writing, instrumental instruction and open mic. Students make a professional recording and present a Listening Party for family and friends at the end of each semester.

Verses is made possible by the Marshall Mathers Foundation and Carhartt.

Verses meets on Mondays from 5:30-7:30 p.m. for 30 weeks (Sept-May). Students learn to use software on iPads and mixing/recording equipment with iDock stations. A recording studio with professional level equipment is available for student use.

This program is FREE for youth ages 10 to 16 by [application \(Verses Student Questionnaire 2018.pdf\)](#). Enrollment is limited. Some students may have prior instrumental music experience, but that is not a requirement for this program. Contact [cmsd@msu.edu](mailto:cmsd@msu.edu) (<mailto:cmsd@msu.edu>) or call (313) 578-9716 for assistance.

[Curriculum Description \(../VersesImpactReport2016.pdf\)](#)

[Verses on SoundCloud \(https://soundcloud.com/user-586734206\)](https://soundcloud.com/user-586734206)

[Verses News Article \(https://music.msu.edu/news/verses-project-empowers-detroit-youth\)](https://music.msu.edu/news/verses-project-empowers-detroit-youth)

[Verses Video Story \(https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WW5GYvrhV4g\)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WW5GYvrhV4g)

[Verses Application \(Verses Student Questionnaire 2018.pdf\)](#)

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## **RESOURCES**

National Guild for Community Arts Education (<http://www.nationalguild.org/Home.aspx>)

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