PK-12 Stage One: Guiding Document

Content: Visual Arts/Music/Theatre

PK-12 Long-term Transfer Goal(s):

Long-term aims of the PK-12 program: An overall end result of a student's education in Madison.

Students will be able to independently use their learning to:

- Create works of art to personally engage in the artistic process and/or communicate meaning
- Develop and refine techniques and skills through purposeful practice and application to become more fluent
- Make appropriate choices as a responsible, respectful participant within a communal artistic experience
- Capture the feeling or emotional response which an artistic piece elicits
- Engage in critique to inform next steps or deepen examination of an artistic work Examine a topic or genre to better understand a piece of art or artist in relation to time and place

Transfer Goals	Standards	Understandings <i>Measurable insights, generalizations</i>	Essential Questions Student-friendly
Create works of art to personally engage in the creative process and/or communicate meaning	 Visual Arts: 1, 2, 10 Music: 1, 2, 10 Theater: 1, 2, 10 	Artists' creative choices are influenced by their expertise, context, and expressive intent.	 What inspires me? Where do I get my ideas from? How do I use what I visualize/imagine and make it come to life? How much freedom do I have to be creative and also work within established criteria? What does quality look/feel/sound like? How do I fine tune my work for and with an audience? What am I learning or have I learned from creating this work of art?
Develop and refine techniques and skills through purposeful practice and application to become more fluent	Visual Arts: 2, 3, 5Music: 3, 5Theater: 3, 5	Artists improve the quality of a performance/piece of art through a cycle of deliberate practice and examination of results.	What (skill/technique) am I focusing on? How do I get better at this? How do I know I'm making progress?

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Select and justify artistic works for a given purpose (e.g., demonstrate growth over time, connect to a theme/topic/style, personal meaning)	Visual Arts: 4Music: 4Theater: 4	Artists select a repertoire/body of work to demonstrate current range and depth of expertise for a given purpose and audience. The context an artist provides as their work is being seen/viewed can have an impact on the audience.	 Based on the purpose, how do I decide what to share? What is important for me to communicate? When should the work stand on its own?
Capture the feeling or emotional response which an artistic work elicits	 Visual Arts: 6, 7, 10 Music: 6, 7, 8 Theater: 6, 7, 8, 10 	Artists make thoughtful choices about their use of skills, technique, and style to in hopes of creating a specific response for an audience. Music/Theater: The way an audience responds to a performance in real time impacts the artist(s) and the performance.	 How do I show mood or feeling in this work of art? How did the audience/viewers respond? Did what I was trying to express work? How is what I'm/we're doing in real time impact the audience? What changes might we need to make (if any) to keep or create the feeling/emotional response?

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Engage in critique to inform next steps or deepen examination of an artistic work	 Visual Arts: 3, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10 Music: 3, 5, 7, 9, 10 Theater: 3, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10 	Evaluation of an artistic work is based on analysis and interpretation of established criteria that is helpful to the artist or deepens understanding of the work.	 K-3: What does quality look/feel/sound like? 4-12: What are the established conventions of the art form/genre/style? What is the impact of those conventions on the piece? How did it go / how did it turn out so far? How does it measure up to the established criteria? What is important to focus on next? What am I learning by engaging in critique?
Examine a topic or genre to better understand a work of art and/or artist in relation to time and place	 Visual Arts: 6, 7, 9, 10, 11 Music: 6, 7, 10, 11 Theater: 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 	Interpretation of a work of art can be enriched by understanding context of the topic and perspective of the artist.	 What am I seeing/feeling in this piece? What inferences can I make? How does knowing more about the artist change or deepen my understanding? How does knowing more about the topic change or deepen my understanding?