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DIVISION OF CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

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## STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

Music and Visual Arts are a significant and integral part of our culture. It is, therefore, the responsibility of every visual art and music educator to help students become more appreciative of all styles. It will contribute to the success of the students as we forge ahead into the millennium.

The Grade 8 - Music program serves as a follow-up to the sixth and seventh grade programs. One of the benefits of the vocal and instrumental music program is an appreciation of the aesthetic and expressive values of music. Development of technique, performance and comprehension at the eighth grade level will contribute to the appropriate preparation for participation at the high school. Through varied music literature, students will be exposed to music of quality and develop criteria for discriminating taste. Membership in music teaches the student cooperation and responsibility.

Our school district provides an extensive arts program, which will enable students to succeed and compete in the global marketplace using the New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards in conjunction with the New Jersey Visual and Performing Arts Curriculum Frameworks and technological exploration.

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## **Introduction**

The most precious resource teachers have is time. Regardless of how much time a course is scheduled for, it is never enough to accomplish all that one would like. Therefore, it is imperative that teachers utilize the time they have wisely in order to maximize the potential for all students to achieve the desired learning.

High quality educational programs are characterized by clearly stated goals for student learning, teachers who are well-informed and skilled in enabling students to reach those goals, program designs that allow for continuous growth over the span of years of instruction, and ways of measuring whether students are achieving program goals.

## **The Edison Township School District Curriculum Template**

The Edison Township School District has embraced the backward-design model as the foundation for all curriculum development for the educational program. When reviewing curriculum documents and the Edison Township curriculum template, aspects of the backward-design model will be found in the stated enduring *understandings/essential questions*, *unit assessments*, and *instructional activities*. Familiarization with backward-design is critical to working effectively with Edison's curriculum guides.

## **Guiding Principles: What is Backward Design? What is Understanding by Design?**

'Backward design' is an increasingly common approach to planning curriculum and instruction. As its name implies, 'backward design' is based on defining clear goals, providing acceptable evidence of having achieved those goals, and then working 'backward' to identify what actions need to be taken that will ensure that the gap between the current status and the desired status is closed.

Building on the concept of backward design, Grant Wiggins and Jay McTighe (2005) have developed a structured approach to planning programs, curriculum, and instructional units. Their model asks educators to state goals; identify deep understandings, pose essential questions, and specify clear evidence that goals, understandings, and core learning have been achieved.

Program based on backward design use desired results to drive decisions. With this design, there are questions to consider, such as: What should students understand, know, and be able to do? What does it look like to meet those goals? What kind of program will result in the outcomes stated? How will we know students have achieved that result? What other kinds of evidence will tell us that we have a quality program? These questions apply regardless of whether they are goals in program planning or classroom instruction.

The backward design process involves three interrelated stages for developing an entire curriculum or a single unit of instruction. The relationship from planning to curriculum design, development, and implementation hinges upon the integration of the following three stages.

*Stage I: Identifying Desired Results:* Enduring understandings, essential questions, knowledge and skills need to be woven into curriculum publications, documents, standards, and scope and sequence materials. Enduring understandings identify the “big ideas” that students will grapple with during the course of the unit. Essential questions provide a unifying focus for the unit and students should be able to more deeply and fully answer these questions as they proceed through the unit. Knowledge and skills are the “stuff” upon which the understandings are built.

*Stage II: Determining Acceptable Evidence:* Varied types of evidence are specified to ensure that students demonstrate attainment of desired results. While discrete knowledge assessments (e.g.: multiple choice, fill-in-the-blank, short answer, etc...) will be utilized during an instructional unit, the overall unit assessment is performance-based and asks students to demonstrate that they have mastered the desired understandings. These culminating (summative) assessments are authentic tasks that students would likely encounter in the real-world after they leave school. They allow students to demonstrate all that they have learned and can do. To demonstrate their understandings students can explain, interpret, apply, provide critical and insightful points of view, show empathy and/or evidence self-knowledge. Models of student performance and clearly defined criteria (i.e.: rubrics) are provided to all students in advance of starting work on the unit task.

*Stage III: Designing Learning Activities:* Instructional tasks, activities, and experiences are aligned with stages one and two so that the desired results are obtained based on the identified evidence or assessment tasks. Instructional activities and strategies are considered only once stages one and two have been clearly explicated. Therefore, congruence among all three stages can be ensured and teachers can make wise instructional choices.

At the curricular level, these three stages are best realized as a fusion of research, best practices, shared and sustained inquiry, consensus building, and initiative that involves all stakeholders. In this design, administrators are instructional leaders who enable the alignment between the curriculum and other key initiatives in their district or schools. These leaders demonstrate a clear purpose and direction for the curriculum within their school or district by providing support for implementation, opportunities for revision through sustained and consistent professional development, initiating action research activities, and collecting and evaluating materials to ensure alignment with the desired results. Intrinsic to the success of curriculum is to show how it aligns with the overarching goals of the district, how the document relates to district, state, or national standards, what a high quality educational program looks like, and what excellent teaching and learning looks like. Within education, success of the educational program is realized through this blend of commitment and organizational direction.

**UNIT OBJECTIVES**

Students will:

1. develop listening skills and critical judgment in differentiating vocal classifications according to age, gender and physiological make-up and apply knowledge learned in practicing efficient vocal techniques accordingly. 1.3.8.B.2, 1.3.8.B.3\*
2. understand that melodies correspond with written notes which have value and pitch and the notes relate to each other intervallically. 1.1.8.B.1, 1.3.8.B.1
3. understand that the length of time for which a note is held directly corresponds to the way the note is written and that rhythm is an essential element to the sound of a piece of music. 1.1.8.B.1, 1.2.8.B.1, 1.3.8.B.1
4. understand that composing involves having an understanding of the many elements of music and making thoughtful decisions about them while taking the performance into consideration. 1.1.8.B.1, 1.1.8.B.2, 1.3.8.B.1, 1.3.8.B.3, 1.3.8.B.4, 1.4.8.A.3
5. understand that a choral performance requires preparation which includes research, rehearsal, the implementation of proper technique, protocol, and structure. 1.1.8.B.1, 1.1.8.B.2, 1.2.8.A.2, 1.3.8.B.1, 1.4.8.A.1, 1.4.8.A.5
6. understand that an instrumental performance requires preparation which includes research, rehearsal, the implementation of proper technique, protocol, and structure. 1.1.8.B.1, 1.1.8.B.2, 1.2.8.A.2, 1.2.8.A.3, 1.3.8.B.1-3, 1.4.8.A.1, 1.4.8.A.5
7. develop listening skills and musical understanding through the identification of musical form, instrumentation, musical style, and genre, as well as through the identification and discussion of melody, accompaniment, theme, and variation. 1.1.8.B.1, 1.1.8.B.2, 1.4.8.A.1, 1.4.8.B.1
8. develop compositional skills and musical understanding through the study of various compositional works, focusing on areas of form, melody, harmony, accompaniment, major/minor identification, solo, design, as well as various composers and time periods. 1.1.8.B.1, 1.1.8.B.2, 1.4.8.A.7, 1.4.8.B.1
9. develop vocal skills as well as deeper musical understanding through the study, preparation, and performance of a larger musical work or works in the operetta genre. Students will also examine various aspects of operetta, incorporating visual arts, dance, and theater. 1.1.8.B.1, 1.2.8.A.3, 1.4.8.A.4
10. develop vocal skills, listening skills, as well as deeper musical understanding through the study, preparation, and performance of a larger musical work or works in the opera genre. Students will also examine various aspects of opera, incorporating visual arts, dance, and theater, and comparing historical works with more recent works. 1.1.8.B.2, 1.2.8.A.2, 1.3.8.B.2, 1.4.8.A.5, 1.4.8.B.3
11. develop an understanding of various cultures through the listening, watching, and performing of their music. Students will broaden an understanding of cultural differences as well as similarities through the study of music from the various cultures, while incorporating other aspects of each culture (dance, art, food, holidays, etc.) in their study as well. 1.2.8.A.2, 1.2.8.A.3, 1.4.8.A.1, 1.4.8.A.3, 1.4.8.A.4

**\*Numbers refer to the New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards for Visual and Performing Arts.**

## Unit 1: Exploring Music Through Singing

**Targeted Standards:** **1.1 The Creative Process:** All students will demonstrate an understanding of the elements and principles that govern the creation of works of art in dance, music, theatre, and visual art. **1.3 Performance:** All students will synthesize those skills, media, methods, and technologies appropriate to creating, performing, and/or presenting works of art in dance, music, theatre, and visual art.

**Unit Outcomes/Unit Objectives:** Students will develop listening skills and critical judgment in differentiating vocal classifications according to age, gender and physiological make-up and apply knowledge learned in practicing efficient vocal techniques accordingly.

**Conceptual Understandings/Essential Questions:** How is voice produced? Why are male and female voices different? What are the differences among the child, the adolescent male and female and the adult voices? What are the different voice classifications? What are some healthy and efficient vocal techniques that an adolescent male and female choir member need to practice to develop range, accuracy in matching pitches and independence in holding on to his/her own part? How do dynamics and expression affect a performance?

**Unit Assessment:** Students will sing using correct dynamic and expressive inflection, individually and in groups, using tone that is appropriate to their age level.

Cumulative Progress Indicators	Core Content		Instructional Actions	
	Concepts <i>What students will know.</i>	Skills <i>What students will be able to do.</i>	Activities/Strategies Technology Implementation/ Interdisciplinary Connections	Assessment Check Points
1.3.8.B.2: Perform independently and in groups with expressive qualities appropriately aligned with the stylistic characteristics of the genre.  1.3.8.B.3: Apply theoretical understanding of expressive and dynamic music terminology to the performance of written scores in the grand staff.	Know definitions of vocabulary terms in voice production and voice classification  Understand the physiological make-up of the human voice  Know how to develop healthy vocal techniques through practice and listening	Define vocabulary terms in voice production and voice classification  Apply understanding of the physiology of the human voice to the way they sing.  Develop healthy vocal techniques through practice	Students will use different means such as diagrams, drawings or power point presentation to show the physiological make-up of the human voice  Students will use daily practice, multimedia and techniques of critique to develop listening and vocal skills in differentiating vocal classifications and building a healthy vocal technique, range, accuracy in matching pitches and independence in holding parts.	Posters, Power Point Presentation  Vocabulary terms and definitions Quiz  Listening Quiz  Matching tones Quiz  Singing quiz on holding on to parts  Performing a known song in a small group introducing 5 original dynamic changes

## Unit 1: Exploring Music Through Singing (con't)

Cumulative Progress Indicators	Core Content		Instructional Actions	
	Concepts <i>What students will know.</i>	Skills <i>What students will be able to do.</i>	Activities/Strategies Technology Implementation/ Interdisciplinary Connections	Assessment Check Points
	<p>Know the characteristics of different voice classifications</p> <p>Know the terminology for the full range of dynamic markings</p> <p>Know how dynamic and expression changes can affect a performance</p>	<p>and listening</p> <p>Determine voice classifications of singers</p> <p>Identify dynamic markings and perform them appropriately in their singing</p> <p>Use facial expression and tone to accurately express the feeling of a song</p>	<p>Students will find and define dynamic markings within music in central focus and individually</p> <p>Students will practice singing and speaking throughout a range of volumes</p> <p>Students will choose songs with differing emotional content and sing using appropriate expression</p>	and appropriate expression
<b>Resources:</b> Essential Materials, Supplementary Materials, Links to Best Practices, Computer, Internet, Library, Videotapes, CD's, Recording machine, CD player, cassette tapes and cassette players			<b>Instructional Adjustments:</b> Modifications, student difficulties, possible misunderstandings Classroom activities can be modified to fit the individualized needs of each student based on IEP, 504, Behavioral Mods., etc., while maintaining highest level of expectation and encouraging understanding among peers and peer interactions	



## Unit 2: Learning Music Through Sight-Singing

**Targeted Standards:** **1.1 The Creative Process:** All students will demonstrate an understanding of the elements and principles that govern the creation of works of art in dance, music, theatre, and visual art. **1.3 Performance:** All students will synthesize those skills, media, methods, and technologies appropriate to creating, performing, and/or presenting works of art in dance, music, theatre, and visual art.

**Unit Outcomes/Unit Objectives:** Students will understand that melodies correspond with written notes which have value and pitch and the notes relate to each other intervallically.

**Conceptual Understandings/Essential Questions:** How do notes relate to each other? Why is it important to learn music through sight-singing? How can we recognize patterns in music? What are the benefits of being a strong sight-singer? What are the qualities of a strong sight-singer?

**Unit Assessment:** Students will learn and perform choral repertoire by sight-singing in central focus and individual focus.

Cumulative Progress Indicators	Core Content		Instructional Actions	
	Concepts <i>What students will know.</i>	Skills <i>What students will be able to do.</i>	Activities/Strategies Technology Implementation/ Interdisciplinary Connections	Assessment Check Points
1.1.8.B.1: Analyze the application of the <a href="#">elements of music</a> in diverse Western and non-Western musical works from different <a href="#">historical eras</a> using active listening and by reading and interpreting written scores.	The definition and function of a scale	Identify Kodaly solfege syllables	Listen to and sing major scales starting on varying pitches	Composition project using only solfege syllables
	Kodaly syllables and hand signs in a scale	Sing a major scale on solfege syllables	Practice hand signs for all solfege syllables	Quiz on Kodaly hand signs
	Interval relationship between pitches	Sign all seven Kodaly syllables using hands	Learn a simple melody by singing solfege syllables pointed to on a solfege ladder	Composition project using notes on a staff
1.3.8.B.1: Perform instrumental or vocal compositions using complex standard and non-standard Western, non-Western, and avant-garde notation.	Differences between line and space notes	Sing pitches accurately when solfege syllables are pointed to or signed	Learn a simple melody by singing and mirroring Kodaly hand signs	Quiz identifying notes on a staff
	The relationship between written notes	Name remaining solfege notes when "do" is first identified	Learn a simple melody by sight-singing from a staff in central focus on overhead projector	

**Unit 2: Learning Music Through Sight-Singing****Resources:** Essential Materials, Supplementary Materials, Links to Best Practices**Instructional Adjustments:** Modifications, student difficulties, possible misunderstandings  
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### Unit 3: Exploring Music Through Rhythmic Activities

**Targeted Standards: 1.1 The Creative Process:** All students will demonstrate an understanding of the elements and principles that govern the creation of works of art in dance, music, theatre, and visual art. **1.3 Performance:** All students will synthesize those skills, media, methods, and technologies appropriate to creating, performing, and/or presenting works of art in dance, music, theatre, and visual art.

**Unit Outcomes/Unit Objectives:** Students will understand that the length of time for which a note is held directly corresponds to the way the note is written and that rhythm is an essential element to the sound of a piece of music.

**Conceptual Understandings/Essential Questions:** What is the difference between beat and rhythm? How can differing rhythms change a melody? How does steady beat affect a performance? What are the ways in which a beat can be divided? What role do rests play in rhythms? How do duple and triple meter feel different? How does tempo affect rhythm? How does rhythm affect the way we feel about a song? How we move to the music?

**Unit Assessment:** The students will demonstrate an understanding of the notation and performance of rhythm by modeling, speaking, composing, notating, and playing rhythms, individually and with classmates.

Cumulative Progress Indicators	Core Content		Instructional Actions	
	Concepts <i>What students will know.</i>	Skills <i>What students will be able to do.</i>	Activities/Strategies Technology Implementation/ Interdisciplinary Connections	Assessment Check Points
1.1.8.B.1: Analyze the application of the <a href="#">elements of music</a> in diverse Western and non-Western musical works from different <a href="#">historical eras</a> using active listening and by reading and interpreting written scores.  1.2.8.B.1: Compare and contrast the use of structural forms and the manipulation of the <a href="#">elements of music</a> in diverse styles and genres of musical compositions.	Know the value of whole, half, quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes and rests  Know the importance of rests in music  Know the value of a note which is played  Know the characteristics of a song in $\frac{3}{4}$ and a song in $\frac{4}{4}$	Count and clap rhythms in $\frac{4}{4}$ and $\frac{3}{4}$ time  Write down simple rhythms that are clapped or played  Count rhythms to 6 <sup>th</sup> grade choral repertoire on numbers individually and as a class  Play rhythms on a	Count rhythms in number and notation on chalkboard and overhead  Clap rhythms and have students notate in numbers and notes  Play a variety of simple written rhythms on small instruments as a class and in small groups  Listen to many examples of pieces in $\frac{3}{4}$ and $\frac{4}{4}$ time  Move to examples of music in	Note value quiz  Worksheets translating numbered rhythms into notes  Dictation quiz $\frac{4}{4}$  Dictation quiz $\frac{3}{4}$  Rhythmic performance test playing written rhythms on a percussion instrument

## Unit 3: Exploring Music Through Rhythmic Activities (con't)

Cumulative Progress Indicators	Core Content		Instructional Actions	
	Concepts <i>What students will know.</i>	Skills <i>What students will be able to do.</i>	Activities/Strategies Technology Implementation/ Interdisciplinary Connections	Assessment Check Points
1.3.8.B.1: Perform instrumental or vocal compositions using complex standard and non-standard Western, non-Western, and avant-garde notation.		<p>variety of small percussion instruments</p> <p>Identify the time signature for a piece which is played to them</p> <p>Move to a song appropriately when played (i.e., waltz, march)</p>	<p><math>\frac{3}{4}</math> time and 4/4 in appropriate ways (i.e., waltz, march)</p> <p>Students bring in a recording of a piece and identify the time signature</p>	
<b>Resources:</b> Essential Materials, Supplementary Materials, Links to Best Practices, small rhythm instruments			<b>Instructional Adjustments:</b> Modifications, student difficulties, possible misunderstandings Classroom activities can be modified to fit the individualized needs of each student based on IEP, 504, Behavioral Mods., etc., while maintaining highest level of expectation and encouraging understanding among peers and peer interactions	

## Unit 4: Exploring Music Through Composition

**Targeted Standards: 1.1 The Creative Process:** All students will demonstrate an understanding of the elements and principles that govern the creation of works of art in dance, music, theatre, and visual art. **1.3 Performance:** All students will synthesize those skills, media, methods, and technologies appropriate to creating, performing, and/or presenting works of art in dance, music, theatre, and visual art. **1.4 Aesthetic Responses & Critique Methodologies:** All students will demonstrate and apply an understanding of arts philosophies, judgment, and analysis to works of art in dance, music, theatre, and visual art.

**Unit Outcomes/Unit Objectives:** Students will understand that composing involves having an understanding of the many elements of music and making thoughtful decisions about them while taking the performance into consideration.

**Conceptual Understandings/Essential Questions:** What are the freedoms that composers have when writing a piece of music? What considerations must a composer take into account when writing for a performer(s)? Is it ethical to alter another composer's work? What are some of the decisions a composer must make before beginning to write? Is it ethical for a performer to take liberties with a composer's work? What are some things that a composer must specify in order for a piece to sound the same way each time it is performed? What are some of the guidelines that composers of different eras used when writing music? What are the pros and cons of using patterns when composing?

**Unit Assessment:** Students will present individual and small group compositions through written notation and performance in the classroom setting.

	Core Content		Instructional Actions	
Cumulative Progress Indicators	Concepts <i>What students will know.</i>	Skills <i>What students will be able to do.</i>	Activities/Strategies Technology Implementation/ Interdisciplinary Connections	Assessment Check Points
1.1.8.B.1: Analyze the application of the <a href="#">elements of music</a> in diverse Western and non-Western musical works from different <a href="#">historical eras</a> using active listening and by reading and interpreting written scores.	Know what improvisation is and its role in music	Improvise simple rhythms and play them over an ostinato	Write and original four beat ostinato and play it on a rhythm instrument	Graded four measure original music with correct rhythm and solfege notated
1.1.8.B.2: Compare and contrast the use of structural forms and the manipulation of the <a href="#">elements of music</a> in diverse styles and genres of musical compositions.	Know the structures for traditional melodic and rhythmic notation	Notate simple melodies and rhythms on the grand staff when played	Write out four measures of original music using correct rhythm with solfege labeled	Dictation quiz
	Know what a music pattern is	Notate original musical ideas on	Play each student's original piece on piano	Small project of notating a rhythmic poem
	Know the process of critique	Notate original musical ideas on	Notate rhythms for several rhythmic poems as a class, in	Rubric- graded Small group poem

## Unit 4: Exploring Music Through Composition (con't)

		Core Content		Instructional Actions	
Cumulative Progress Indicators	Concepts <i>What students will know.</i>	Skills <i>What students will be able to do.</i>	Activities/Strategies Technology Implementation/ Interdisciplinary Connections	Assessment Check Points	
<p>1.3.8.B.1: Perform instrumental or vocal compositions using complex standard and non-standard Western, non-Western, and avant-garde notation.</p> <p>1.3.8.B.3: Apply theoretical understanding of expressive and dynamic music terminology to the performance of written scores in the grand staff.</p> <p>1.3.8.B.4: Improvise music in a selected genre or style, using the elements of music that are consistent with basic playing and/or singing techniques in that genre or style.</p> <p>1.4.8.A.3: Distinguish among artistic styles, trends, and movements in dance, music, theatre, and visual art within diverse cultures and historical eras.</p>	Know the value and purpose of revision in the creative process of composition	<p>the grand staff</p> <p>Work in a group to make decisions for an original composition</p> <p>Identify patterns in written and aural music</p> <p>Synthesize rhythm, melody, and lyrics in an original composition</p> <p>Give a self-critique of work</p> <p>Revise music after bringing a critical ear to a performance</p>	<p>small groups, and individually</p> <p>Write an original four line rhyming poem</p> <p>Write four measures of original music using patterns</p> <p>Write 16 measures of original music using correct rhythmic structure</p> <p>Play each student's composition on piano</p> <p>Revise 16 measures of music after hearing and critiquing</p>	<p>Gallery walk for poem project</p> <p>Rubric-graded 16 measure instrumental composition</p>	
<b>Resources:</b> Essential Materials, Supplementary Materials, Links to Best Practices			<b>Instructional Adjustments:</b> Modifications, student difficulties, possible misunderstandings Classroom activities can be modified to fit the individualized needs of each student based on IEP, 504, Behavioral Mods., etc., while maintaining highest level of expectation and encouraging understanding among peers and peer interactions		

## Unit 5: Understanding Music Through Performance (Vocal)

**Targeted Standards:** **1.1 The Creative Process:** All students will demonstrate an understanding of the elements and principles that govern the creation of works of art in dance, music, theatre, and visual art. **1.2: History of the Arts and Culture:** All students will understand the role, development, and influence of the arts throughout history and across cultures. **1.3 Performance:** All students will synthesize those skills, media, methods, and technologies appropriate to creating, performing, and/or presenting works of art in dance, music, theatre, and visual art. **1.4 Aesthetic Responses & Critique Methodologies:** All students will demonstrate and apply an understanding of arts philosophies, judgment, and analysis to works of art in dance, music, theatre, and visual art.

**Unit Outcomes/Unit Objectives:** Students will understand that a choral performance requires preparation which includes research, rehearsal, the implementation of proper technique, protocol, and structure.

**Conceptual Understandings/Essential Questions:** What are the benefits and challenges of performing with a large group? How can preparing for a vocal concert as a group help us with other situations that arise in our lives? What makes a performance successful? Who is responsible for the success of a choral performance? How can we be respectful audience members? What are strategies for dealing with nerves? What are practices that will keep our voices healthy and performance ready?

**Unit Assessment:** Students will participate in the Winter and Spring Concerts by performing and observing and analyzing as audience members.

Cumulative Progress Indicators	Core Content		Instructional Actions	
	Concepts <i>What students will know.</i>	Skills <i>What students will be able to do.</i>	Activities/Strategies Technology Implementation/ Interdisciplinary Connections	Assessment Check Points
1.1.8.B.1: Analyze the application of the <a href="#">elements of music</a> in diverse Western and non-Western musical works from different <a href="#">historical eras</a> using active listening and by reading and interpreting written scores..	Know which part to sing and the importance of balance within the choir	Sing their own part in 2 and 3 part songs with proper technique, diction, dynamics, expression	Daily rehearsal of concert repertoire	Part-singing quiz
1.1.8.B.2: Compare and contrast the use of structural forms and the manipulation of the <a href="#">elements of music</a> in diverse styles and genres of musical compositions.	Know the elements of proper singing technique including posture, breathing, and vowel shape	Sing with sensitivity to the balance of harmony within the choir	Listen to and watch performances by other choirs and critique as a class  Record, listen to, and critique class performances	Record, listen to, and critique class performance at several check points before the concert  Quiz on cultural and historic background of concert repertoire
1.2.8.A.2: Differentiate past and contemporary works of dance,	Know the importance of correct and strong	Identify the cultural and	Identification of dynamic, tempo, and expression markings in music  Library trip to research the historical and cultural context of concert repertoire	Written self-critique using the Six Flags judges' sheet

## Unit 5: Understanding Music Through Performance (Vocal) (con't)

Cumulative Progress Indicators	Core Content		Instructional Actions	Assessment Check Points
	Concepts <i>What students will know.</i>	Skills <i>What students will be able to do.</i>	Activities/Strategies Technology Implementation/ Interdisciplinary Connections	
<p>music, theatre, and visual art that represent important ideas, issues, and events that are chronicled in the histories of diverse cultures.</p> <p>1.3.8.B.1: Perform instrumental or vocal compositions using complex standard and non-standard Western, non-Western, and avant-garde notation.</p> <p>1.3.8.B.1: Perform independently and in groups with expressive qualities appropriately aligned with the stylistic characteristics of the genre.</p> <p>1.4.8.A.1: Generate observational and emotional responses to diverse culturally and historically specific works of dance, music, theatre, and visual art.</p> <p>1.4.8.A.5: Interpret symbolism and metaphors embedded in works of dance, music, theatre, and visual art.</p>	<p>diction in a choral performance</p> <p>Know the definitions of expression, dynamic, and tempo markings within music</p> <p>Know the historic and cultural significance of choral repertoire</p> <p>Know the elements of a proper performance critique</p>	<p>historical significance of each song in the repertoire</p> <p>Behave appropriately as an audience member during all concerts</p> <p>Follow professional performance protocol during all concerts</p> <p>Give an accurate critique of performances from and audience view-point</p> <p>Give an accurate self-critique of performances in which they take part</p>	<p>Discussion of appropriate audience behavior</p> <p>Discussion of performance protocols</p> <p>Research vocal health practices</p>	<p>Small group performance test</p> <p>Guided written critique after concert</p>
<b>Resources:</b> Essential Materials, Supplementary Materials, Links to Best Practices, Recording devices and playback method, treble choir repertoire			<b>Instructional Adjustments:</b> Classroom activities can be modified to fit the individualized needs of each student based on IEP, 504, Behavioral Mods., etc., while maintaining highest level of expectation and encouraging understanding among peers and peer interactions	



## Unit 6: Exploring Music through Performance (Instrumental)

**Targeted Standards:** **1.1 The Creative Process:** All students will demonstrate an understanding of the elements and principles that govern the creation of works of art in dance, music, theatre, and visual art. **1.2: History of the Arts and Culture:** All students will understand the role, development, and influence of the arts throughout history and across cultures. **1.3 Performance:** All students will synthesize those skills, media, methods, and technologies appropriate to creating, performing, and/or presenting works of art in dance, music, theatre, and visual art. **1.4 Aesthetic Responses & Critique Methodologies:** All students will demonstrate and apply an understanding of arts philosophies, judgment, and analysis to works of art in dance, music, theatre, and visual art.

**Unit Outcomes/Unit Objectives:** Students will understand that an instrumental performance requires preparation which includes research, rehearsal, the implementation of proper technique, protocol, and structure.

**Conceptual Understandings/Essential Questions:** What are the benefits of being able to play an instrument? What are some of the challenges that instrumentalists face? What career possibilities are available to instrumentalists? What is the best process for learning to play a song on an instrument? How can the process of preparing for a musical performance help us in other areas of life? Is the success of a performance solely dependent upon the performer or are there external influences to consider? What are some strategies for dealing with nerves?

**Unit Assessment:** Students will participate in an in-class piano recital by performing learned pieces and listening/analyzing as audience members.

Cumulative Progress Indicators	Core Content		Instructional Actions	
	Concepts <i>What students will know.</i>	Skills <i>What students will be able to do.</i>	Activities/Strategies Technology Implementation/ Interdisciplinary Connections	Assessment Check Points
1.1.8.B.1: Analyze the application of the <a href="#">elements of music</a> in diverse Western and non-Western musical works from different <a href="#">historical eras</a> using active listening and by reading and interpreting written scores.	Know the 7 letters in the musical alphabet	Name the 7 notes in the musical alphabet	Students fill out a grand staff template with treble and bass clef notes identically to teacher's in central focus on overhead	Work sheets on note reading treble and bass clef
1.1.8.B.2: Compare and contrast the use of structural forms and the manipulation of the <a href="#">elements of music</a> in diverse styles and genres of musical compositions.	Know the order of the notes on the treble and bass clef staves	Identify line notes and space notes	Worksheets for note naming	Quiz treble clef note reading
1.2.8.A.2: Differentiate past and contemporary works of dance, music, theatre, and visual art that represent important ideas, issues, and events that are chronicled in the histories of diverse	Know the difference between line notes and space notes	Identify letter names of notes within the treble and bass staves	Find and play written notes on mallet instrument	Quiz bass clef note reading
	Know the notes above the ledger lines	Identify letter names of notes outside the ledger	With keyboard in front of students but not turned on, give strategy for finding notes on keyboard	Individually play each piano piece learned on acoustic piano for teacher
			Game for finding finger number	Rubric graded, unit end

## Unit 6: Exploring Music through Performance (Instrumental) (con't)

Cumulative Progress Indicators	Core Content		Instructional Actions	
	Concepts <i>What students will know.</i>	Skills <i>What students will be able to do.</i>	Activities/Strategies Technology Implementation/ Interdisciplinary Connections	Assessment Check Points
<p>cultures.</p> <p>1.2.8.A.3: Analyze the social, historical, and political impact of artists on culture and the impact of culture on the arts.</p> <p>1.3.8.B.1: Perform instrumental or vocal compositions using complex standard and non-standard Western, non-Western, and avant-garde notation.</p> <p>1.3.8.B.2: Perform independently and in groups with expressive qualities appropriately aligned with the stylistic characteristics of the genre.</p> <p>1.3.8.B.3: Apply theoretical understanding of expressive and dynamic music terminology to the performance of written scores in the grand staff.</p> <p>1.4.8.A.1: Generate observational and emotional responses to diverse culturally and historically specific works of dance, music, theatre, and visual art.</p> <p>1.4.8.A.5: Interpret symbolism and metaphors embedded in works of dance, music, theatre, and visual art.</p>	<p>Know where each letter note is located on the xylophone and piano</p> <p>Know the finger numbers for playing piano</p> <p>Know the staff associated with each hand for the piano</p> <p>Know the definitions for dynamic, expression, and tempo markings within music</p> <p>Know the elements of a constructive critique</p>	<p>lines</p> <p>Play keys on the xylophone and piano with correspond with written notes</p> <p>Play written notes with correct fingering as indicated within the music</p> <p>Play simple melodies on the piano with two hands by reading written notation</p> <p>Play pieces with appropriate tempo, expression, and dynamics</p> <p>Self-critique performances in a constructive manner</p>	<p>(i.e., right hand 3, left hand 1)</p> <p>As a class find “C” position and play C-G, G-C with both hands</p> <p>Students work individually on piano pieces at keyboards</p> <p>Keep a performance journal in chorus notebook of each individual performance</p>	<p>piano recital</p> <p>Written self-critique of performance</p>

**Unit 6: Exploring Music through Performance (Instrumental) (con't)**

**Resources:** Essential Materials, Supplementary Materials, Links to Best Practices, xylophones, electric keyboards, acoustic piano, Beginner Piano repertoire

**Instructional Adjustments:** Modifications, student difficulties, possible misunderstandings  
Classroom activities can be modified to fit the individualized needs of each student based on IEP, 504, Behavioral Mods., etc., while maintaining highest level of expectation and encouraging understanding among peers and peer interactions

## Unit 7: Exploring Music Through Listening Analysis

**Targeted Standards:** **1.1 The Creative Process:** All students will demonstrate an understanding of the elements and principles that govern the creation of works of art in dance, music, theatre, and visual art. **1.2: History of the Arts and Culture:** All students will understand the role, development, and influence of the arts throughout history and across cultures. **1.3 Performance:** All students will synthesize those skills, media, methods, and technologies appropriate to creating, performing, and/or presenting works of art in dance, music, theatre, and visual art. **1.4 Aesthetic Responses & Critique Methodologies:** All students will demonstrate and apply an understanding of arts philosophies, judgment, and analysis to works of art in dance, music, theatre, and visual art.

**Unit Outcomes/Unit Objectives:** Students will develop listening skills and musical understanding through the identification of musical form, instrumentation, musical style, and genre, as well as through the identification and discussion of melody, accompaniment, theme, and variation.

**Conceptual Understandings/Essential Questions:** What are musical form and its purpose? What effects does instrumentation have on the listening experience? What is musical style and how does one differentiate one from another? What are theme and variation and how are they related? How does melody influence accompaniment, and vice versa?

**Unit Assessment:** Students will demonstrate knowledge and understanding of targeted objectives through listening quizzes, group projects, notational quizzes, notational worksheets, classroom discussion, group presentations, and classroom performance.

	Core Content		Instructional Actions	
Cumulative Progress Indicators	Concepts <i>What students will know.</i>	Skills <i>What students will be able to do.</i>	Activities/Strategies Technology Implementation/ Interdisciplinary Connections	Assessment Check Points
1.1.8.B.1 – Analyze the application of the <a href="#">elements of music</a> in diverse Western and non-Western musical works from different <a href="#">historical eras</a> using active listening and by reading and interpreting written scores.	Students will know:  Meaning of theme and variation  Meaning of form	Students will be able to:  Perform various rondo forms  Add various compositional techniques to classroom performances	Students will listen to several musical examples and identify various musical phrases  Students will create their own musical phrases and alter existing musical phrases to further their understanding	Listening Quiz  Classroom performances  Notational quizzes
1.1.8.B.2 - Compare and contrast the use of structural forms and the manipulation of the <a href="#">elements of music</a> in diverse styles and genres of musical compositions	Examples of form  Meaning and usages of augmentation, alteration, and		Students will compare various musical examples through classroom group projects, power-	Small-group presentations  Notational worksheets

## Unit 7: Exploring Music Through Listening Analysis (con't)

Core Content		Instructional Actions		
Cumulative Progress Indicators	<b>Concepts</b> <i>What students will know.</i>	<b>Skills</b> <i>What students will be able to do.</i>	<b>Activities/Strategies</b> Technology Implementation/ Interdisciplinary Connections	<b>Assessment Check Points</b>
<p>1.4.8.A.1 - Generate observational and emotional responses to diverse culturally and historically specific works of dance, music, theatre, and visual art.</p> <p>1.4.8.B.1 - Evaluate the effectiveness of a work of art by differentiating between the artist's technical proficiency and the work's content or form.</p>	<p>ornamentation</p> <p>Meaning of phrases and discerning like and unlike phrases</p>	<p>Create their own variations on a theme</p> <p>Create their own accompaniments to a theme</p> <p>Create their own accompaniments to a variation</p>	<p>point presentations, and listening-guided worksheets</p> <p>Students will take existing themes and compose their own variations individually and in small groups</p> <p>Students can perform theme and variations for small groups, large classroom ensembles, etc.</p> <p>Students can take existing melodies and apply compositional strategies to alter vocal performance</p> <p>Students can identify and discuss performance effects on melodic augmentation through individual and small-group critique</p>	<p>Group critique</p> <p>Classroom critique</p> <p>Peer-to-peer assessment</p>
<b>Resources:</b> Essential Materials, Supplementary Materials, Links to Best Practices Computer, Internet, Library, Videotapes, CD's, Worksheets Recording machine, CD player, cassette tapes and cassette players			<b>Instructional Adjustments:</b> Modifications, student difficulties, possible misunderstandings Classroom activities can be modified to fit the individualized needs of each student based on IEP, 504, Behavioral Mods., etc., while maintaining highest level of expectation and encouraging understanding among peers and peer interactions	

## Unit 8: Exploring Music Through Compositional Analysis

**Targeted Standards:** **1.1 The Creative Process:** All students will demonstrate an understanding of the elements and principles that govern the creation of works of art in dance, music, theatre, and visual art. **1.2: History of the Arts and Culture:** All students will understand the role, development, and influence of the arts throughout history and across cultures. **1.3 Performance:** All students will synthesize those skills, media, methods, and technologies appropriate to creating, performing, and/or presenting works of art in dance, music, theatre, and visual art. **1.4 Aesthetic Responses & Critique Methodologies:** All students will demonstrate and apply an understanding of arts philosophies, judgment, and analysis to works of art in dance, music, theatre, and visual art.

**Unit Outcomes/Unit Objectives:** Students will develop compositional skills and musical understanding through the study of various compositional works, focusing on areas of form, melody, harmony, accompaniment, major/minor identification, solo, design, as well as various composers and time periods.

**Conceptual Understandings/Essential Questions:** What compositional techniques are common among the various pieces? What is the importance of a melody or theme in a piece of music? Why do composers change from major to minor keys? What similarities exist between compositional styles? What differences exist between compositional styles? How could one create their own composition, and what tools are necessary to do so?

**Unit Assessment:** Students will demonstrate knowledge and understanding of targeted objectives through listening quizzes, compositional projects, group projects, notational quizzes, notational worksheets, classroom discussion, group presentations, and classroom performance.

	Core Content		Instructional Actions	
Cumulative Progress Indicators	Concepts <i>What students will know.</i>	Skills <i>What students will be able to do.</i>	Activities/Strategies Technology Implementation/ Interdisciplinary Connections	Assessment Check Points
1.1.8.B.1 - Analyze the application of the <a href="#">elements of music</a> in diverse Western and non-Western musical works from different <a href="#">historical eras</a> using active listening and by reading and interpreting written scores.	Students will know:  Difference between major and minor key  Meaning and purpose of melody	Students will be able to:  Identify composers from pieces of music	Students will listen to several musical examples while following along with the written composition, identifying form, melody, counter-melody, etc.	Notation quizzes  Terminology quizzes  Listening Quiz
1.1.8.B.2 - Compare and contrast the use of structural forms and the manipulation of the <a href="#">elements of music</a> in diverse styles and genres	Importance of harmony	Identify musical time periods through basic	Students will construct their own rhythmic compositions and perform for the class	Classroom performances  Small-group presentations

## Unit 8: Exploring Music Through Compositional Analysis (con't)

Core Content		Instructional Actions		
Cumulative Progress Indicators	Concepts <i>What students will know.</i>	Skills <i>What students will be able to do.</i>	Activities/Strategies Technology Implementation/ Interdisciplinary Connections	Assessment Check Points
<p>of musical compositions.</p> <p>1.4.8.A.7 - Analyze the form, function, craftsmanship, and originality of representative works of dance, music, theatre, and visual art.</p> <p>1.4.8.B.1 - Evaluate the effectiveness of a work of art by differentiating between the artist's technical proficiency and the work's content or form.</p>	<p>Meaning of counter-melody</p> <p>Composer styles</p> <p>Important composers throughout history</p> <p>Technological improvements and their effects on composition</p>	<p>usage of different compositional techniques</p> <p>Distinguish between melody and counter-melody</p> <p>Distinguish between solo and accompaniment</p> <p>Perform accompaniment with a solo</p> <p>Perform a solo with an accompaniment</p>	<p>Small groups will perform other groups compositions</p> <p>Students will complete individual studies on composers lives, influences, etc. and conduct classroom presentations with artwork, power-point, etc.</p> <p>Students will compose accompaniment (ostinato, rhythmic, etc.) to familiar melodies or melodies studied and perform for class</p> <p>Activities/projects completed by students will serve as catalysts for future projects during the year</p>	<p>Notational worksheets</p> <p>Group compositions</p> <p>Individual compositions</p> <p>Group critique</p> <p>Classroom critique</p> <p>Peer-to-peer assessment</p>
<p><b>Resources:</b> Essential Materials, Supplementary Materials, Links to Best Practices Computer, Internet, Library, Videotapes, CD's, Worksheets Recording machine, CD player, cassette tapes and cassette players</p>			<p><b>Instructional Adjustments:</b> Modifications, student difficulties, possible misunderstandings Classroom activities can be modified to fit the individualized needs of each student based on IEP, 504, Behavioral Mods., etc., while maintaining highest level of expectation and encouraging understanding among peers and peer interactions</p>	

## Unit 9: Exploring a Major Musical Work

**Targeted Standards:** **1.1 The Creative Process:** All students will demonstrate an understanding of the elements and principles that govern the creation of works of art in dance, music, theatre, and visual art. **1.2: History of the Arts and Culture:** All students will understand the role, development, and influence of the arts throughout history and across cultures. **1.3 Performance:** All students will synthesize those skills, media, methods, and technologies appropriate to creating, performing, and/or presenting works of art in dance, music, theatre, and visual art. **1.4 Aesthetic Responses & Critique Methodologies:** All students will demonstrate and apply an understanding of arts philosophies, judgment, and analysis to works of art in dance, music, theatre, and visual art.

**Unit Outcomes/Unit Objectives:** Students will develop vocal skills as well as deeper musical understanding through the study, preparation, and performance of a larger musical work or works in the operetta genre. Students will also examine various aspects of operetta, incorporating visual arts, dance, and theater.

**Conceptual Understandings/Essential Questions:** What is an operetta? How are the components of music, theater, dance, and visual arts combined in operetta? What are the characteristics of the music in an operetta? Can such a large production still be created at the middle school level? What is the significance of the story in an operetta?

**Unit Assessment:** Students will demonstrate knowledge and understanding of targeted objectives through listening quizzes, group projects, notational quizzes, notational worksheets, classroom discussion, group presentations, and classroom performance.

	Core Content		Instructional Actions	
Cumulative Progress Indicators	Concepts <i>What students will know.</i>	Skills <i>What students will be able to do.</i>	Activities/Strategies Technology Implementation/ Interdisciplinary Connections	Assessment Check Points
1.1.8.B.1 - Analyze the application of the <a href="#">elements of music</a> in diverse Western and non-Western musical works from different <a href="#">historical eras</a> using active listening and by reading and interpreting written scores.	Students will know:  How music/singing is performed in an operetta  The importance of the story behind the operetta	Students will be able to:  Identify main characters in an operetta	Students will listen to the music from the operetta and follow along with the sheet music  Students will read and understand the story behind the operetta and discuss how the music was constructed around the story	Listening quizzes  Composer biography reports  Classroom performances
1.2.8.A.3 - Analyze the social, historical, and political impact of artists on culture and the impact of culture on the arts.	How dance and visual arts are incorporated	Identify and summarize the story of an operetta	Students will learn the pieces from the operetta and work in small groups dramatizing the scenes	Notational quizzes  Small-group presentations  Notational worksheets



## Unit 9: Exploring a Major Musical Work (con't)

	Core Content		Instructional Actions	
Cumulative Progress Indicators	Concepts <i>What students will know.</i>	Skills <i>What students will be able to do.</i>	Activities/Strategies Technology Implementation/ Interdisciplinary Connections	Assessment Check Points
1.4.8.A.4 - Compare and contrast changes in the accepted meanings of known artworks over time, given shifts in societal norms, beliefs, or values.	into operetta  How operetta has evolved over the years	Sing the songs from an operetta accurately  Dramatize the operetta with classmates  Perform the operetta for a small group or large audience  Create movements to accompany the music in the operetta	from the operetta  Students will perform the pieces of the operetta for either a small group or a larger audience, incorporating dance, visual arts, and theater where possible.  Students will reflect on their performance through recording and self and peer critique	Composer worksheets  Composer comparisons  Group critique  Classroom critique  Peer-to-peer assessment
<b>Resources:</b> Essential Materials, Supplementary Materials, Links to Best Practices Computer, Internet, Library, Videotapes, CD's, Worksheets Recording machine, CD player, cassette tapes and cassette players			<b>Instructional Adjustments:</b> Modifications, student difficulties, possible misunderstandings Classroom activities can be modified to fit the individualized needs of each student based on IEP, 504, Behavioral Mods., etc., while maintaining highest level of expectation and encouraging understanding among peers and peer interactions	

## Unit 10: Comparing Major Musical Works

**Targeted Standards:** **1.1 The Creative Process:** All students will demonstrate an understanding of the elements and principles that govern the creation of works of art in dance, music, theatre, and visual art. **1.2: History of the Arts and Culture:** All students will understand the role, development, and influence of the arts throughout history and across cultures. **1.3 Performance:** All students will synthesize those skills, media, methods, and technologies appropriate to creating, performing, and/or presenting works of art in dance, music, theatre, and visual art. **1.4 Aesthetic Responses & Critique Methodologies:** All students will demonstrate and apply an understanding of arts philosophies, judgment, and analysis to works of art in dance, music, theatre, and visual art.

**Unit Outcomes/Unit Objectives:** Students will develop vocal skills, listening skills, as well as deeper musical understanding through the study, preparation, and performance of a larger musical work or works in the opera genre. Students will also examine various aspects of opera, incorporating visual arts, dance, and theater, and comparing historical works with more recent.

**Conceptual Understandings/Essential Questions:** What is an opera? How are the components of music, theater, dance, and visual arts combined in opera? What are the characteristics of the music in an opera? What are the similarities/differences between various works of opera? Can such a large production still be created at the middle school level? What is the significance of the story in an opera?

**Unit Assessment:** Students will demonstrate knowledge and understanding of targeted objectives through listening quizzes, group projects, notational quizzes, notational worksheets, classroom discussion, group presentations, and classroom performance.

	Core Content		Instructional Actions	
Cumulative Progress Indicators	Concepts <i>What students will know.</i>	Skills <i>What students will be able to do.</i>	Activities/Strategies Technology Implementation/ Interdisciplinary Connections	Assessment Check Points
1.1.8.B.2 - Compare and contrast the use of structural forms and the manipulation of the <a href="#">elements of music</a> in diverse styles and genres of musical compositions.  1.2.8.A.2 - Differentiate past and contemporary works of dance, music, theatre, and visual art that represent important ideas, issues, and events that are chronicled in the histories of diverse cultures.	Students will know:  How music/singing is performed in an opera  The importance of the story behind the opera  How dance and visual arts are incorporated into opera	Students will be able to:  Identify main characters in an opera  Identify and summarize the story of an opera	Students will listen to the music from the opera and follow along with the sheet music  Students will read and understand the story behind the opera and discuss how the music was constructed around the story  Students will learn the pieces from the opera and work in	Listening quizzes  Composer comparison quizzes  Composer presentations  Composer biography reports  Classroom performances

## Unit 10: Comparing Major Musical Works (con't)

Core Content		Instructional Actions		
Cumulative Progress Indicators	Concepts <i>What students will know.</i>	Skills <i>What students will be able to do.</i>	Activities/Strategies Technology Implementation/ Interdisciplinary Connections	Assessment Check Points
<p>1.3.8.B.2 - Perform independently and in groups with expressive qualities appropriately aligned with the stylistic characteristics of the genre.</p> <p>1.4.8.A.5 - Interpret symbolism and metaphors embedded in works of dance, music, theatre, and visual art.</p> <p>1.4.8.B.3 - Compare and contrast examples of archetypal subject matter in works of art from diverse cultural contexts and historical eras by writing critical essays.</p>	<p>How opera relates to operetta, as well as differences</p> <p>Terminology associated with opera including but not limited to: libretto, prelude, overture, aria, recitative, duet, trio, quartet, chorus</p>	<p>Sing along with the songs from an opera accurately</p> <p>Dramatize the opera with classmates</p> <p>Perform the opera for a small group or a larger audience</p> <p>Listen, compare, and contrast different operatic works by different composers</p>	<p>small groups dramatizing the scenes from the opera</p> <p>Students will perform the pieces of the operetta for either a small group or a larger audience, incorporating dance, visual arts, and theater where possible.</p> <p>Students will reflect on their performance through recording and self and peer critique</p> <p>Students will compare the experience to that of an operetta, as well as comparing music, story, composers, orchestration, form, etc.</p>	<p>Notational quizzes</p> <p>Small-group presentations</p> <p>Notational worksheets</p> <p>Composer worksheets</p> <p>Group critique</p> <p>Classroom critique</p> <p>Peer-to-peer assessment</p>
<b>Resources:</b> Essential Materials, Supplementary Materials, Links to Best Practices Computer, Internet, Library, Videotapes, CD's, Worksheets Recording machine, CD player, cassette tapes and cassette players			<b>Instructional Adjustments:</b> Modifications, student difficulties, possible misunderstandings Classroom activities can be modified to fit the individualized needs of each student based on IEP, 504, Behavioral Mods., etc., while maintaining highest level of expectation and encouraging understanding among peers and peer interactions	

## Unit 11: Exploring Music Through Cultural Literacy

**Targeted Standards:** **1.1 The Creative Process:** All students will demonstrate an understanding of the elements and principles that govern the creation of works of art in dance, music, theatre, and visual art. **1.2: History of the Arts and Culture:** All students will understand the role, development, and influence of the arts throughout history and across cultures. **1.3 Performance:** All students will synthesize those skills, media, methods, and technologies appropriate to creating, performing, and/or presenting works of art in dance, music, theatre, and visual art. **1.4 Aesthetic Responses & Critique Methodologies:** All students will demonstrate and apply an understanding of arts philosophies, judgment, and analysis to works of art in dance, music, theatre, and visual art.

**Unit Outcomes/Unit Objectives:** Students will develop an understanding of various cultures through the listening, watching, and performing of their music. Students will broaden an understanding of cultural differences as well as similarities through the study of music from the various cultures, while incorporating other aspects of each culture (dance, art, food, holidays, etc.) in their study as well.

**Conceptual Understandings/Essential Questions:** What music is unique to a particular culture? How are certain cultures different from one another? How are certain cultures similar? What instrumentation is used in different cultures? What other aspects are unique to each culture?

**Unit Assessment:** Students will demonstrate knowledge and understanding of targeted objectives through listening quizzes, group projects, notational quizzes, notational worksheets, classroom discussion, group presentations, and classroom performance.

	Core Content		Instructional Actions	
Cumulative Progress Indicators	Concepts <i>What students will know.</i>	Skills <i>What students will be able to do.</i>	Activities/Strategies Technology Implementation/ Interdisciplinary Connections	Assessment Check Points
1.2.8.A.2 - Differentiate past and contemporary works of dance, music, theatre, and visual art that represent important ideas, issues, and events that are chronicled in the histories of diverse cultures.  1.2.8.A.3 - Analyze the social, historical, and political impact of artists on culture and the impact of culture on the arts.	Students will know:  Proper instrumentation for each culture  What languages are unique to a particular culture  The meaning of pieces of music in another language and how they	Students will be able to:  Listen and identify instrumentation for each particular piece of music from a particular culture  Sing pieces of music from different cultures in different	Students will learn pieces of music from different cultures and discuss the composers, meanings, and instrumentation in small groups or for the class, incorporating artwork and or power-point presentations  Students will perform pieces of music from various cultures and discuss their cultural significance prior to or following performance	Listening quizzes  Performance quizzes  Cultural reports  Cultural presentations  Cultural classroom discussions  Cultural powerpoint

## Unit 11: Exploring Music Through Cultural Literacy (con't)

		Core Content		Instructional Actions	
Cumulative Progress Indicators	Concepts <i>What students will know.</i>	Skills <i>What students will be able to do.</i>	Activities/Strategies Technology Implementation/ Interdisciplinary Connections	Assessment Check Points	
<p>1.4.8.A.1 - Generate observational and emotional responses to diverse culturally and historically specific works of dance, music, theatre, and visual art.</p> <p>1.4.8.A.3 - Distinguish among artistic styles, trends, and movements in dance, music, theatre, and visual art within diverse cultures and historical eras.</p> <p>1.4.8.A.4 - Compare and contrast changes in the accepted meanings of known artworks over time, given shifts in societal norms, beliefs, or values.</p>	<p>translate into English</p> <p>Additional aspects unique to a particular culture through further study into that culture including but not limited to: dress, customs, holidays, foods, unique cultural stories, etc.</p>	<p>languages</p> <p>Translate the different languages to English to further musical understanding</p> <p>Add instrumentation appropriate for that particular culture to a piece of vocal music</p> <p>Perform pieces for a small ensemble or for a larger audience</p>	<p>Students will learn a collection of pieces from a particular culture, and either demonstrate with video recording or learned dance steps dancing which accompanies that particular music, as well as traditional foods, dress, customs, etc.</p> <p>Students will reflect on performances and compare and contrast the music from the varied cultures</p> <p>Students can follow up performances with written reports on various cultures, significant composers to those cultures, historical backgrounds, etc.</p>	<p>presentations</p> <p>Cultural worksheets</p> <p>Biographical worksheets</p> <p>Biographical presentations</p> <p>Small-group assessment</p> <p>Peer-to-peer assessment</p>	
<b>Resources:</b> Essential Materials, Supplementary Materials, Links to Best Practices Computer, Internet, Library, Videotapes, CD's, Worksheets Recording machine, CD player, cassette tapes and cassette players			<b>Instructional Adjustments:</b> Modifications, student difficulties, possible misunderstandings Classroom activities can be modified to fit the individualized needs of each student based on IEP, 504, Behavioral Mods., etc., while maintaining highest level of expectation and encouraging understanding among peers and peer interactions		

**APPENDIX A**

**PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENTS**

Vocal/General Music Grades 6 & 7  
**MUSIC DEPARTMENT**  
**AUDITION WORKSHEET**

Appendix A

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

**MUSICIANSHIP**

**Characteristic tone quality/timbre**

- ☐ Consistently demonstrates tones of superior tone color.
- ☐ Usually demonstrates a strong concept of tone color, except at extreme ranges of tessitura.
- ☐ Has a concept of characteristic tone quality, but is not able to demonstrate consistently.
- ☐ Does little to demonstrate a characteristic tone color.
- ☐ Has trouble making a characteristic sound.

**Intonation**

- ☐ Consistently demonstrates understanding of intervallic relationships between notes in all ranges.
- ☐ Usually demonstrates understanding of intervallic relationships between notes except at extreme ranges of tessitura.
- ☐ Makes an effort to demonstrate ability to hear intervallic distances but is not always successful.
- ☐ Does little to adjust between pitches.
- ☐ Is not aware of any pitch alterations that are necessary.

**Expression, Phrasing, & Dynamics**

- ☐ Consistently demonstrates an understanding of musical expression, with and without markings. Breathes/pauses musically.
- ☐ Follows all markings found in the music, but performance seems contrived. Breathes/pauses are usually placed musically.
- ☐ Makes an effort to demonstrate some expression, but lacks maturity to express consistently. Breathing/pauses somewhat arbitrary.
- ☐ Does little to follow the written markings. Breathing/pauses are arbitrary.
- ☐ Is not aware of the need for musical expression or proper breathing or phrasing.

**Stylistic Accuracy**

- ☐ Consistently demonstrates an understanding of the proper style required for the music.
- ☐ Usually performs music with proper style.
- ☐ Has a concept of stylistic consideration but is not always able to demonstrate it.
- ☐ Does little to perform with any degree of style.
- ☐ Is not aware of the necessity to perform with proper style.

**TECHNIQUE**

**Rhythmic Accuracy**

- ☐ Consistently demonstrates an understanding of pulse control and rhythmic placement.
- ☐ Demonstrates an understanding of rhythmic relationships, but unable to maintain steady beat.
- ☐ Has some difficulty in performing rhythms accurately. Steady beat is usually not present.
- ☐ Has great difficulty in performing rhythms accurately. Steady beat is usually not present.
- ☐ Is unable to perform many rhythms accurately. Has a great deal of trouble keeping a steady beat.

**Melodic Accuracy**

- ☐ Consistently performs with accurate pitches.
- ☐ Usually performs with accurate pitches.
- ☐ Has some difficulty in performing accurately.
- ☐ Has great difficulty in performing with correct pitches.

**Articulation**

- ☐ Consistently performs with proper articulation.
- ☐ Usually performs with proper articulation.
- ☐ Has difficulty in performing proper articulation.
- ☐ Is not able to perform the written articulation.

**Sight-Reading Accuracy**

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

**Performance Rubric**

Correct Notes/Intonation	20 points
Correct Rhythms	20 points
Tone Quality	10 points
Dynamics/Expression	10 points
Phrasing/Breath Management	10 points
Posture/Personal conduct/Self-Discipline	10 points
Musicality (time/key signature, :// etc.)	10 points
Diction	10 points
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	100 points

Evaluator \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



***Rubric Construction Form***

Performer's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Construct your own rubric by determining which features you will assess, then name at least three levels of competence, from less to more skilled. Determine the maximum number of points which may be received from each feature. Then add these for the total possible number of points.

Use this rubric to score performances.

<b>Performance Feature / Objective of Assessment</b>	<b>Maximum Points</b>	<b>Score</b>
<b>Overall Score</b>	Possible Total:	Actual Score:

Evaluator \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## ***Self-Observation/Self-Assessment***

Listen to your performance and then answer the following:

1. This is what I did well.

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2. This is what I think I need to improve.

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3. This is my recommendation for a plan for improvement.

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Other Comments/Observations:

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**VOCAL PERFORMANCE CRITIQUE**

Prior to writing their self-critiques, the students are reminded to be specific and to provide details for each of their comments. They will be used to evaluate their written critiques:

1. the student's appropriate identification of the strengths and weaknesses of his/her performance (accuracy, technique, expression, ensemble technique).
2. the effectiveness of the student's suggestions for improvement.
3. the student's accurate reference to musical events.
4. the student's accurate use of musical terminology.
5. the student's accurate analysis of the elements of music: pitch, rhythm, tempo, harmony, dynamics, texture, and form, when appropriate.

**The following three levels of student performance have been identified for this type of activity:**

**Advanced.** The student:

1. accurately describes and analyzes the specific strengths and weaknesses of his/her performance.
2. gives effective suggestions for the improvement of weaknesses.
3. specifically refers to musical events.
4. accurately uses musical terminology.
5. demonstrates an understanding of the elements of music.

**Proficient.** The student:

1. generally describes and analyzes some of the strengths and weaknesses of his/her performance.
2. gives some suggestions for improvement.
3. generally refers to musical events.
4. accurately uses music terminology.
5. uses the elements of music.

**Basic.** The student:

1. minimally describes and analyzes some of the strengths and weaknesses of his/her performance.
  2. gives limited or vague suggestions for improvement of weaknesses.
  3. makes limited reference to musical events.
  4. shows limited use of music terminology.
  5. demonstrates limited understanding of the elements of music.
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Performance Critique on any musical piece:

Blend / Balance:

Dynamics / Expression:

Interpretation / Style:

Tone Quality:

Intonation:

Diction / Articulation / Enunciation:

Tempo:

Posture:

Specific Measures in Need of Improvement:

Can you hear the melody at all times?

## Behavior Assessment Middle School Vocal Music

Student Name _____		Section: _____ Dates: _____		
Teacher Name _____		Art Unit: _____		
Behavior Skill	Rarely / Never (0-5 pts)	Sometimes (6-7 pts)	Most Times (8-9 pts)	Always (10 pts)

**On Time and Prepared**

1. Arrives to class on time
2. Brings necessary materials
3. Completes homework

**Respects Peers/Classmates**

1. Respects others property
2. Listens to peers
3. Responds appropriate to peers
4. Respects others opinions
5. Refrains from abusive language

**Respects Teacher/Staff**

1. Follows directions
2. Listens to Teacher/Staff
3. Accepts responsibility for actions

**Demonstrates Appropriate Character Traits**

1. *Demonstrates positive character traits*  
(kindness, trustworthy, honesty)
2. *Demonstrates productive character traits*  
(i.e. patience, thorough, hardworking)
3. Demonstrates a level of concern for others

**Demonstrates a Level of Concern for Learning**

1. Remains on task
2. Allows others to remain on task
3. Works to best of ability
4. Completes all assignments with accuracy

<b>Total Score</b>					
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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Homeroom: \_\_\_\_\_

### VOCAL INTERVIEW

1. Have you ever sung in a choir/vocal ensemble?

If so, \_\_\_\_\_ where? \_\_\_\_\_ when?

2. Do you take lessons on a musical instrument?

\_\_\_\_\_ what instrument? \_\_\_\_\_ how long? \_\_\_\_\_ teacher's name

3. Voice Range: highest note: \_\_\_\_\_ lowest note: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Pitch Matching:

5. Memory:

6. Singing harmony: dependent independent

7. Other:

pitch accuracy:

breathing:

lyrics:

expression:

## ***Performance Assessment***

Listen to the performance, then write your responses:

1. Write three (3) things you like about this performance. Be as specific as possible, and address issues that are important to performance.

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2. Write one suggestion, or improvement that could be made on this performance. Be as specific and helpful as possible.

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Other Comments/Observations

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Evaluator's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

***Performance Evaluation Rubric***

Performer's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Listen to the performance and assess the following features, assigning a score based on rubric below. Give the performer a total score for the performance.

Performance Feature	Possible Score	Score
In-Tune Pitches - completely in tune - most pitches in tune - some pitches in tune	25 20 10	
Accurate Rhythm - rhythmically accurate - most rhythms accurate - some rhythms accurate	25 20 10	
Mouth Open - consistently open - open most of the time - open sometimes	20 15 10	
Good Pronunciation - add clear, crisp consonants - add pure vowel sounds - understandable diction	20 15 10	
Good Energy - consistent breath support and good posture - some breath support evident	10 5	
<b>Overall Score</b>	Possible Total: 100	Actual Score:

Evaluator \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**APPENDIX B**

**COURSE TEXTS  
AND  
SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIALS**



**SUGGESTED RESOURCES**

Althouse, arr Robison. The Complete Choral Warm-Up Book. Alfred Pub. Co., Inc.

Barham and Nelson. The Boy's Changing Voice. Warner Bros. Publishing.

Crocker, Emily. Essential Musicianship. Hal Leonard Corp., 1995.

Ehmann, Willhelm and Frauke Haasemann. Voice Building For Choirs. Chapel Hill, NC, Hinshaw Music, 1981.

Ehret, Walter. The Choral Conductor's Handbook. New York: Hal Leonard Corp, 1958.

Garreston, Robert L. Conducting Choral Music. Second Edition. Boston: Allyn and Bacon, Inc., 1968.

Henderson, Sarra B. How To Train Singers-Kit. Prentice-Hall Inc, 1979.

Hooker, Louis. Vocal and Musical Exercises for Chorus. Rutherford, NJ: Fairleigh University Press.

Phillips, Kenneth H. Teaching Kids To Sing. NY: Schirmer, 1992.

Robinson, Ray. Basic Vocal Production. Chapel Hill, NC: Hinshaw Music, Inc., 1977.

Staton, Royal. Steps to Singing for Voice Classes. Belmont, CA: Wadsworth Pub. Co. Inc., 1971.

Thompson, Dick. Dick Thompson Choral System. Morristown, NJ: Silver Burdett Co., 1982.

Tower, Erck, Phillips, Wyatt. Choral Connections. New York, NY: Glencoe McGraw-Hill, 1999.

**SAMPLE CHORAL LITERATURE**

Ahrirang, arr Printz, Heritage Music Press. (2 or 3 pt)  
Al Shlosa D'varim, Naplan, (2pt.)  
As Long As I Have Music, Besig, Shawnee Press, Inc. (sa) (ssa)  
Ave Verum, Mozart, E.G. Schirmer Music Co. (ssaa)  
Boll Weevil, Schram, (2 pt.)  
Carol of the Bells, Leontovich/arr. Wilhousky, Carl Fischer, Inc. (ssa) (sab)  
Celebrating Hanukkah, Brownsey and Lantz, (2 pt.)  
Chipmunk Song, The, Snyder, (2 pt)  
Christmas ... In About 3 Minutes, arr Weston, Heritage Music Press. (2 pt)  
Christmastime is Here, Zegree, (unison)  
Come Let Us Start a Joyful Song, Hassler/arr Greyson, Bourne Co. (ssa) (sab)  
Cripple Creek  
Do Lord! arr Artman, Hal Leonard Corp. (2 pt + descant)  
Dona Nobis Pacem, arr. Wilson, Warner Bros. Pub. (ssa)  
Follow the Drinking Gourd, arr Althouse, Alfred Pub. (2 pt) (sab)  
Hine Ma Tov, Naplan, (2 pt)  
Holiday Carol, Silver(unison)  
How Beautiful Is the Rain! Longfellow/Lightfoot, Heritage Music Press (2 pt)  
How Many Nights? Swears, Shawnee Press, Inc. (2 pt)  
I Love This Land, Simms, Shawnee Press, Inc. (2 pt)  
I Will Sing My Song, Donnelly/Strid, Hal Leonard Corp. (2 pt + descant)  
Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee, Beethoven/arr.Lutkin, Hal Leonard Corp. (2 pt)  
Kwanzaa Celebration, Emerson, Hal Leonard Corp. (2 pt)  
Let Love Come Near, Robertson, Carl Fischer, Inc. (ssab)  
Light the Candles of Freedom, arr. Lojeski, Hal Leonard Corp. (2 pt) (sab)  
Like an Eagle, Strommen, Alfred Pub. Co, Inc. (ssa)  
My Name Is Music, Miller, Hal Leonard Corp. (2 pt)  
Night Before Christmas, The, Artman, (2 pt.)  
Now Is the Month of Maying, Morley, E.C. Schirmer Music Co. (ssa)  
One More Voice, Ydstie, Shawnee Press, Inc. (ssaa)  
Promised Land, Sleeth, Lorenz Corp, (2 pt)  
Shake the Papaya Down, Dwyer and Waller (3 pt. treble)  
Shining Moon (Nygam Sang Duan), arr Snyder, Hal Leonard Corp. (2 pt)  
Simple Gifts, arr. Leavitt, Warner Bros. Pub. (2 pt)  
Sleigh, The Kountz, G. Schirmer (ssa)  
Solitary Snowflakes, Estes, Alfred Publishing (2 pt)  
Sound of Pipe and Drum, The, (Je Ne Fus Jamais Si Aise),  
Certon/arr Spevacek, Heritage Music Press. (2 pt)  
S'vivor, Brownsey and Lantz, (2 pt.)  
Three Contemporary Latin Settings, Estes, Shawnee Press, Inc. (ssa) (sab)  
Tum Balalaika, Broeker, (2 pt.)  
Water Is Wide, The, Zaninelli, Shawnee Press, Inc. (ssa)  
Where Have All the Forests Gone? Grier, Everson, Heritage Music Press. (2 pt)  
Yonder Come Day, Tucker, (3 pt)

**ADDITIONAL SUGGESTED MATERIALS**

At the River - SSA - Adapted by Aaron Copland/arr. Martin Ellis & Henry Leck  
Boosey & Hawkes OCTB5512 M-051-45512-6  
Shady Grove - 3-pt treble a-capella American folk tune arr. Betty Bertaux  
Boosey & Hawkes, Inc. OCTB-5512 M-051-46239-1  
Kalinka - 3-pt. treble, acapella - Russian folk song arr. Joan Gregoryk  
Boosey & Hawkes, Inc. OCTB6785  
Benedictus - 2-pt. w/ descant - Greg Gilpin - Heritage Choral Series 15/1992H  
Hashivenu - Israeli folk song 3-pt - Sally Albrecht - Alfred 19303  
Simple Gifts - SSA w/ optional flute - Shaker melody/arr. Ruth Elaine Schram  
Belwin 3 pt. (SVM01029) or SATB (SVM01028)  
Cantate Domino - SAB acapella - Giammateo Asola ed. Charles G. Frischman  
Columbia Lady, Inc. 6004OC3X  
The Cuckoo - SAB, piano, Cajon, solo - American folk tune/arr. Robert Hugh  
Manuscript only (fun jazzy song with movement)  
Music Reading Unlimited Vivian C. Munn level 1 Southern Music Co. B533  
90 Days to Sight Reading Success Stan McGill & H, Morris Steven, AMC

**COLLECTIONS**

Choral Classics, Vol., 2, Snyder, Warner Bros. (2 pt)  
Classics For Two, Emerson, Hal Leonard Corp. (2 pt)  
Keys To Sight Reading Success (50 Easy Four Part Exercises), Hemmenway, Alliance  
Music Pub. (unison)  
Melodia, Vol. 1, Cole/arr Lewis, Theodore Presser Company  
Melodia #2, Cole/arr Lewis, Theodore Presser Company  
Old and New Rounds and Canons, Wilson, Shawnee Press, Inc. (unison/2 pt)  
Let's Get Started, Gries, Master Press (sight-singing)  
Steps To Harmony, Palmer, Master Press (sight-singing)  
Successful Warm-ups, Book 1, Telfer, Kjos Music Company

**PUBLISHERS**

JW Pepper  
Music Time  
Alliance Publications  
Hinshaw Music  
Heritage Press  
Boosey & Hawkes  
Colla Voce  
Hal Leonard

**APPENDIX C**

**TECHNOLOGY/WEBSITE  
REFERENCES**

## **SUGGESTED CHORAL WEBSITES**

[NJMEA.org](http://NJMEA.org) - New Jersey Music Educators Association

[NJACDA.com](http://NJACDA.com) - New Jersey American Choral Directors Association

[CJMEA.org](http://CJMEA.org) – Central Jersey Music Educators Association

[MENC.org](http://MENC.org) – National Association for Music Educators

[CHORALNET.org](http://CHORALNET.org) – Internet Center for Choral Music

[ChorusAmerica.org](http://ChorusAmerica.org) – Chorus America

## **APPENDIX D**

# **EDISON ESSENTIAL INSTRUCTIONAL BEHAVIORS, NEW JERSEY CORE CURRICULUM CONTENT STANDARDS & GLOSSARY**

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## Essential Instructional Behaviors

*Edison's Essential Instructional Behaviors are a collaboratively developed statement of effective teaching from pre-school through Grade 12. This statement of instructional expectations is intended as a framework and overall guide for teachers, supervisors, and administrators; its use as an observation checklist is inappropriate.*

### 1. Planning which Sets the Stage for Learning and Assessment

***Does the planning show evidence of:***

- a. units and lessons directly related to learner needs, the written curriculum, the New Jersey Core Content Curriculum Standards (NJCCCS), and the Cumulative Progress Indicators (CPI)?
- b. measurable objectives that are based on diagnosis of learner needs and readiness levels and reflective of the written curriculum, the NJCCCS, and the CPI?
- c. lesson design sequenced to make meaningful connections to overarching concepts and essential questions?
- d. provision for effective use of available materials, technology and outside resources?
- e. accurate knowledge of subject matter?
- f. multiple means of formative and summative assessment, including performance assessment, that are authentic in nature and realistically measure learner understanding?
- g. differentiation of instructional content, processes and/or products reflecting differences in learner interests, readiness levels, and learning styles?
- h. provision for classroom furniture and physical resources to be arranged in a way that supports student interaction, lesson objectives, and learning activities?

### 2. Observed Learner Behavior that Leads to Student Achievement

***Does the lesson show evidence of:***

- a. learners actively engaged throughout the lesson in on-task learning activities?
- b. learners engaged in authentic learning activities that support reading such as read alouds, guided reading, and independent reading utilizing active reading strategies to deepen comprehension (for example inferencing, predicting, analyzing, and critiquing)?
- c. learners engaged in authentic learning activities that promote writing such as journals, learning logs, creative pieces, letters, charts, notes, graphic organizers and research reports that connect to and extend learning in the content area?
- d. learners engaged in authentic learning activities that promote listening, speaking, viewing skills and strategies to understand and interpret audio and visual media?
- e. learners engaged in a variety of grouping strategies including individual conferences with the teacher, learning partners, cooperative learning structures, and whole-class discussion?
- f. learners actively processing the lesson content through closure activities throughout the lesson?
- g. learners connecting lesson content to their prior knowledge, interests, and personal lives?
- h. learners demonstrating increasingly complex levels of understanding as evidenced through their growing perspective, empathy, and self-knowledge as they relate to the academic content?
- i. learners developing their own voice and increasing independence and responsibility for their learning?
- j. learners receiving appropriate modifications and accommodations to support their learning?

**3. Reflective Teaching which Informs Instruction and Lesson Design*****Does the instruction show evidence of:***

- a. differentiation to meet the needs of all learners, including those with Individualized Education Plans?
- b. modification of content, strategies, materials and assessment based on the interest and immediate needs of students during the lesson?
- c. formative assessment of the learning before, during, and after the lesson, to provide timely feedback to learners and adjust instruction accordingly?
- d. the use of formative assessment by both teacher and student to make decisions about what actions to take to promote further learning?
- e. use of strategies for concept building including inductive learning, discovery-learning and inquiry activities?
- f. use of prior knowledge to build background information through such strategies as anticipatory set, K-W-L, and prediction brainstorm?
- g. deliberate teacher modeling of effective thinking and learning strategies during the lesson?
- h. understanding of current research on how the brain takes in and processes information and how that information can be used to enhance instruction?
- i. awareness of the preferred informational processing strategies of learners who are technologically sophisticated and the use of appropriate strategies to engage them and assist their learning?
- j. activities that address the visual, auditory, and kinesthetic learning modalities of learners?
- k. use of questioning strategies that promote discussion, problem solving, and higher levels of thinking?
- l. use of graphic organizers and hands-on manipulatives?
- m. creation of an environment which is learner-centered, content rich, and reflective of learner efforts in which children feel free to take risks and learn by trial and error?
- n. development of a climate of mutual respect in the classroom, one that is considerate of and addresses differences in culture, race, gender, and readiness levels?
- o. transmission of proactive rules and routines which students have internalized and effective use of relationship-preserving desists when students break rules or fail to follow procedures?

**4. Responsibilities and Characteristics which Help Define the Profession*****Does the teacher show evidence of:***

- a. continuing the pursuit of knowledge of subject matter and current research on effective practices in teaching and learning, particularly as they tie into changes in culture and technology?
- b. maintaining accurate records and completing forms/reports in a timely manner?
- c. communicating with parents about their child's progress and the instructional process?
- d. treating learners with care, fairness, and respect?
- e. working collaboratively and cooperatively with colleagues and other school personnel?
- f. presenting a professional demeanor?



# New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards for Visual and Performing Arts

## INTRODUCTION

### Arts Education in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century

Creativity is a driving force in the 21st-century global economy, with the fastest growing jobs and emerging industries relying on the ability of workers to think unconventionally and use their imaginations.

*The best employers the world over will be looking for the most competent, most creative, and most innovative people on the face of the earth ... This will be true not just for the top professionals and managers, but up and down the length and breadth of the workforce. ... Those countries that produce the most important new products and services can capture a premium in world markets ...*

(2007, National Center on Education and the Economy)

Experience with and knowledge of the arts is an essential component of the P-12 curriculum in the 21st century. As the state of New Jersey works to transform public education to meet the needs of a changing world and the 21st century workforce, capitalizing on the unique ability of the arts to unleash creativity and innovation in our students is critical for success, as reflected in the mission and vision that follow:

**Mission:** *The arts enable personal, intellectual, social, economic, and human growth by fostering creativity and providing opportunities for expression beyond the limits of language.*

**Vision:** An education in the arts fosters a population that:

- Creates, reshapes, and fully participates in the enhancement of the quality of life, globally.
- Participates in social, cultural, and intellectual interplay among people of different ethnic, racial, and cultural backgrounds through a focus on the humanities.
- Possesses essential technical skills and abilities significant to many aspects of life and work in the 21st century.
- Understands and impacts the increasingly complex technological environment.

#### ***Intent and Spirit of the Visual and Performing Arts Standards***

*The intent and spirit of the New Jersey Visual and Performing Arts Standards builds upon the philosophy and goals of the [National Standards for Arts Education](#). Equitable access to arts instruction is achieved when the four arts disciplines (dance, music, theatre, and visual art) are offered throughout the P-12 spectrum. Thus, the goal of the standards is that all students have regular, sequential arts instruction throughout their P-12 education.*

The expectation of the New Jersey arts standards is that all students communicate *at a basic level* in each of the four arts disciplines by the end of fifth grade, using the vocabularies, materials, tools, techniques, and intellectual methods of each arts discipline in a developmentally appropriate manner. Beginning in grade 6, student instruction in the arts is driven by specialization, with students choosing one of the four arts disciplines based on their interests, aptitudes, and career aspirations. By the end of grade 12, students are expected to communicate proficiently in one or more arts disciplines of their choice. By graduation from secondary school, all students should, in at least one area of specialization, be able to:

- Define and solve artistic problems with insight, reason, and technical proficiency.
- Develop and present basic analyses of works of art from structural, historical, cultural, and aesthetic perspectives.
- Call upon their informed acquaintance with exemplary works of art from a variety of cultures and historical periods.
- Relate various types of arts knowledge and skills within and across the arts disciplines by mixing and matching competencies and understandings in art-making, history, culture, and analysis in any arts-related project.

### ***Revised Standards***

The revised 2009 visual and performing arts standards align with the National Standards for Arts Education. In addition, they correlate structurally to the three arts processes defined in the [2008 NAEP Arts Education Assessment Framework](#): creating, performing, and responding. When actively engaged in these processes, students not only learn about the arts, they learn through and within the arts.

The state and national standards are deliberately broad to encourage local curricular objectives and flexibility in classroom instruction. New Jersey's revised 2009 visual and performing arts standards provide the foundation for creating local curricula and meaningful assessments in the four arts disciplines for all children. They are designed to assist educators in assessing required knowledge and skills in each discipline by laying out the expectations for levels of proficiency in dance, music, theatre, and the visual arts at the appropriate level of study.

### **Organization of the 2009 Standards**

This organization of the 2009 visual and performing arts standards reflects the critical importance of locating the separate arts disciplines (dance, music, theatre, and visual art) as one common body of knowledge and skills, while still pointing to the unique requirements of individual disciplines. There are four visual and performing arts standards, as follows.

**Standards 1.1 and 1.2**, respectively, articulate required knowledge and skills concerning the elements and principles of the arts, as well as arts history and culture. Together, the two standards forge a corollary to the NAEP Arts process of *creating*. Standard 1.1 includes four strands, one for each of the arts disciplines: A. Dance, B. Music, C. Theatre, and D. Visual Art; standard 1.2 includes a single strand: A. History of the Arts and Culture.

**Standard 1.1 The Creative Process:** *All students will demonstrate an understanding of the elements and principles that govern the creation of works of art in dance, music, theatre, and visual art.*

**Standard 1.2 History of the Arts and Culture:** *All students will understand the role, development, and influence of the arts throughout history and across cultures.*

**Standard 1.3** is rooted in arts performance and thus stands as a corollary to the NAEP Arts process of *performing/interpreting*. Like Standard 1.1, standard 1.3 is made up of four arts-specific strands: A. Dance, B. Music, C. Theatre, and D. Visual Art.

**Standard 1.3 Performing:** *All students will synthesize skills, media, methods, and technologies that are appropriate to creating, performing, and/or presenting works of art in dance, music, theatre, and visual art.*

**Standard 1.4** addresses two ways students may respond to the arts, including (1) the study of aesthetics and (2) the application of methodologies for critique. Standard 1.4 provides a corollary to the NAEP Arts process of *responding*. This standard pertains to all four arts disciplines, and is comprised of two strands related to the mode of response: A. Aesthetic Responses and B. Critique Methodologies.

**Standard 1.4 Aesthetic Responses & Critique Methodologies:** *All students will demonstrate and apply an understanding of arts philosophies, judgment, and analysis to works of art in dance, music, theatre, and visual art.*

### **Proficiency Levels and Grade Band Clusters**

The grade-band clusters for the 2009 visual and performing arts standards correspond to new federal definitions of elementary and secondary education, which may have implications for instructional delivery according to licensure. The expectations for student achievement increase across the grade band clusters as follows:

- **Preschool:** For those preschool programs that offer appropriate time and frequency of instruction in the visual and performing arts, all students should be given broad-based exposure to, and be provided opportunities for exploration in, each of the four arts disciplines. The goal is that preschool students *attain foundational skills that later lead to [basic literacy](#)* in the content knowledge and skills delineated in the K-2 and 3-5 grade-level arts standards, as developmentally appropriate.
- **Grades K-2 and 3-5:** All students in grades K-5 are given broad-based exposure to, and are provided opportunities for participation in, each of the four arts disciplines. The expectation at this level is that all students *attain [basic literacy](#)* in the content knowledge and skills delineated in the K-2 and 3-5 grade-level standards for the arts.
- **Grades 6-8:** In grades 6-8, student instruction focuses on one of the four arts disciplines, as directed by choice. The expectation at this level is that all students *demonstrate [competency](#)* in the content knowledge and skills delineated for the selected arts discipline.
- **Grades 9-12:** Throughout secondary school, student instruction continues to focus on one of the four arts disciplines, as chosen by the student. By the end of grade 12, all students *demonstrate [proficiency](#)* in at least one chosen arts discipline by meeting or exceeding the content knowledge and skills delineated in the arts standards.

### **Teaching the Standards: Certification and Highly Qualified Arts Educators**

*The visual and performing arts are considered a “core” subject under the federal No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB-2001). Therefore, all visual and performing arts teachers must meet the “Highly Qualified Teachers” standards within their certificated arts discipline(s). State licensure is the initial gatekeeper for highly qualified status.*

### **Education in the Arts: National and State Advocacy**

- The [Arts Education Partnership](#) provides research information and other guidance to assist in advocating for arts education at the national, state, and local levels. The Partnership also provides information on government funding at the federal and state levels, including the grant programs of two federal agencies: the U.S. Department of Education and the National Endowment for the Arts.
- At the state level, the [New Jersey Arts Education Partnership](#) was established in 2007 as a clearinghouse for information and best practices in arts education, and calls attention to the contribution arts education makes to student achievement. The report, [Within Our Power: The Progress, Plight, and Promise of Arts Education for Every Child](#), is the NJAEP's response to the New Jersey Arts Census Project, the most comprehensive survey ever compiled on the status of arts education in New Jersey's public schools.
- A [Glossary](#) of arts terms used in the 2009 visual and performing arts standards was designed to support implementation of the arts standards.

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**Vocal/General Music Grades 6 & 7**  
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Content Area		Visual & Performing Arts		
Standard		<b>1.1 The Creative Process:</b> All students will demonstrate an understanding of the elements and principles that govern the creation of works of art in dance, music, theatre, and visual art.		
Strand		<b>A. Dance</b>		
By the end of grade	Content Statement		CPI #	Cumulative Progress Indicator (CPI)
2	<b>NOTE:</b> By the end of <a href="#">grade 2</a> , ALL students progress toward <a href="#">BASIC LITERACY</a> in the following content knowledge and skills in DANCE.			
	Original choreography and improvisation of movement sequences begins with basic understanding of the elements of dance.		1.1.2.A.1	Identify the <a href="#">elements of dance</a> in planned and improvised dance sequences.
	Original movement is generated through improvisational skills and techniques.		1.1.2.A.2	Use improvisation to discover new movement to fulfill the intent of the choreography.
	There are distinct differences between pedestrian movements and formal training in dance.		1.1.2.A.3	Demonstrate the difference between pantomime, pedestrian movement, abstract gesture, and dance movement.
	The coordination and isolation of different body parts is dependent on the dynamic alignment of the body while standing and moving.		1.1.2.A.4	Apply and adapt isolated and coordinated body part articulations, body alignment, balance, and <a href="#">body patterning</a> .
5	<b>NOTE:</b> By the end of <a href="#">grade 5</a> , ALL students demonstrate <a href="#">BASIC LITERACY</a> in the following content knowledge and skills in DANCE.			
	Basic choreographed structures employ the <a href="#">elements of dance</a> .		1.1.5.A.1	Analyze both formal and expressive aspects of time, shape, space, and energy, and differentiate basic <a href="#">choreographic structures</a> in various dance works.
	Movement is developed and generated through improvisation. Form and structure are important when interpreting original choreography.		1.1.5.A.2	Analyze the use of improvisation that fulfills the intent of and develops choreography in both its form and structure.
	Musical and non-musical forms of sound can affect meaning in choreography and improvisation.		1.1.5.A.3	Determine how accompaniment (such as sound, spoken text, or silence) can affect choreography and improvisation.
	Compositional works are distinguished by the use of various body movements and sources of initiation (i.e., central, peripheral, or transverse).		1.1.5.A.4	Differentiate contrasting and complimentary shapes, shared weight centers, body parts, <a href="#">body patterning</a> , <a href="#">balance</a> , and range of motion in compositions and performances.
8	<b>NOTE:</b> By the end of <a href="#">grade 8</a> , those students choosing DANCE as their required area of specialization demonstrate <a href="#">COMPETENCY</a> in the following content knowledge and skills.			

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	Numerous formal <a href="#">choreographic structures</a> can be used to develop the <a href="#">elements of dance</a> in the creation of dance works.	1.1.8.A.1	Interpret the choreographic structures of contrast and transition, the process of reordering and chance, and the structures of AB, ABA, canon, call and response, and narrative.
	Styles and techniques in dance are defined by the ways in which the elements of dance and choreographic principles are manipulated in the creation of dance compositions.	1.1.8.A.2	Analyze dance techniques and styles to discern the compositional use of the <a href="#">elements of dance</a> and choreographic principles relating to dynamics, as well as to discern spatial relationships.
	Dance employs various themes and arts media to engage the viewer, develop meaning, and communicate emotions.	1.1.8.A.3	Examine how dance compositions are influenced by various social themes and <a href="#">arts media</a> (e.g., dance for camera, interactive, telematics).
	The quality of integrated movement depends on body alignment and the synchronized use of major and minor muscle groups. Variety in body patterns, range of motion, application of the <a href="#">elements of dance</a> , and skill level enhance dance compositions and performance.	1.1.8.A.4	Integrate a variety of isolated and coordinated movements in dance compositions and performances, making use of all major muscle groups, proper body mechanics, <a href="#">body patterning</a> , <a href="#">balance</a> , and range of motion.
12	<b>NOTE:</b> By the end of <a href="#">grade 12</a> , those students choosing DANCE as their required area of specialization demonstrate <b>PROFICIENCY</b> in the following content knowledge and skills.		
	Creating master works in dance requires ability to comprehend, articulate, and manipulate time, space, and energy across and within a broad spectrum of <a href="#">choreographic structures</a> and through the use of many choreographic devices.	1.1.12.A.1	Articulate understanding of choreographic structures or forms (e.g., palindrome, theme and variation, rondo, retrograde, inversion, narrative, and accumulation) in master works of dance.
	Acute <a href="#">kinesthetic awareness</a> and mastery of composition are essential for creating and interpreting master works of art.	1.1.12.A.2	Categorize the <a href="#">elements</a> , principles, and <a href="#">choreographic structures</a> of dance masterworks.
	Interpretation of dance is heavily reliant on its context.	1.1.12.A.3	Analyze issues of gender, ethnicity, socio-economic status, politics, age, and physical conditioning in relation to dance performances.
	Artistry in dance performance is accomplished through complete integration of anatomical principles and clear direction of intent and purpose.	1.1.12.A.4	Synthesize knowledge of anatomical principles related to body alignment, <a href="#">body patterning</a> , <a href="#">balance</a> , strength, and coordination in compositions and performances.



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Standard		1.1 The Creative Process: All students will demonstrate an understanding of the elements and principles that govern the creation of works of art in dance, music, theatre, and visual art.		
Strand		B. Music		
By the end of grade	Content Statement	CPI #	Cumulative Progress Indicator (CPI)	
2	<b>NOTE:</b> By the end of <a href="#">grade 2</a> , ALL students progress toward <a href="#">BASIC LITERACY</a> in the following content knowledge and skills in MUSIC.			
	<a href="#">Ear training and listening skill</a> are prerequisites for musical literacy.	1.1.2.B.1	Explore the <a href="#">elements of music</a> through verbal and written responses to diverse aural prompts and printed scores.	
	The <a href="#">elements of music</a> are foundational to basic music literacy.	1.1.2.B.2	Identify musical elements in response to diverse aural prompts, such as rhythm, timbre, dynamics, form, and melody.	
	Music is often defined as organized sound that is dependent on predictable properties of tone and pitch. Musical notation captures tonality, dynamic range, and rhythm.	1.1.2.B.3	Identify and categorize sound sources by common traits (e.g., scales, rhythmic patterns, and/or other musical elements), and identify rhythmic notation up to eighth notes and rests.	
	Musical instruments have unique qualities of tonality and resonance. Conventional instruments are divided into <a href="#">musical families</a> according to shared properties.	1.1.2.B.4	Categorize families of instruments and identify their associated musical properties.	
5	<b>NOTE:</b> By the end of <a href="#">grade 5</a> , ALL students demonstrate <a href="#">BASIC LITERACY</a> in the following content knowledge and skills in MUSIC.			
	Reading basic music notation contributes to musical fluency and literacy. Musical intelligence is related to <a href="#">ear training and listening skill</a> , and temporal spatial reasoning ability is connected to listening skill.	1.1.5.B.1	Identify the <a href="#">elements of music</a> in response to aural prompts and printed music notational systems.	
	The <a href="#">elements of music</a> are building blocks denoting meter, rhythmic concepts, tonality, intervals, chords, and melodic and harmonic progressions, all of which contribute to musical literacy.	1.1.5.B.2	Demonstrate the basic concepts of meter, rhythm, tonality, intervals, chords, and melodic and harmonic progressions, and differentiate basic structures.	
8	<b>NOTE:</b> By the end of <a href="#">grade 8</a> , those students choosing MUSIC as their required area of specialization demonstrate			



	<b>COMPETENCY</b> in the following content knowledge and skills.		
	Common, recognizable musical forms often have characteristics related to specific cultural traditions.	1.1.8.B.1	Analyze the application of the <a href="#">elements of music</a> in diverse Western and non-Western musical works from different <a href="#">historical eras</a> using active listening and by reading and interpreting written scores.
	Compositional techniques used in different styles and <a href="#">genres</a> of music vary according to prescribed sets of rules.	1.1.8.B.2	Compare and contrast the use of structural forms and the manipulation of the <a href="#">elements of music</a> in diverse styles and genres of musical compositions.
12	<b>NOTE:</b> By the end of <a href="#">grade 12</a> , those students choosing MUSIC as their required area of specialization demonstrate <b>PROFICIENCY</b> in the following content knowledge and skills.		
	Understanding nuanced stylistic differences among various <a href="#">genres</a> of music is a component of musical fluency. Meter, rhythm, tonality, and harmonics are determining factors in the categorization of musical genres.	1.1.12.B.1	Examine how aspects of meter, rhythm, tonality, intervals, chords, and harmonic progressions are organized and manipulated to establish unity and variety in genres of musical compositions.
	Musical proficiency is characterized by the ability to sight-read advanced notation. Musical fluency is also characterized by the ability to classify and replicate the stylistic differences in music of varying traditions.	1.1.12.B.2	Synthesize knowledge of the <a href="#">elements of music</a> in the deconstruction and performance of complex musical scores from diverse cultural contexts.

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Standard	<b>1.1 The Creative Process:</b> All students will demonstrate an understanding of the elements and principles that govern the creation of works of art in dance, music, theatre, and visual art.		
Strand	<b>C. Theatre</b>		
By the end of grade	Content Statement	CPI #	Cumulative Progress Indicator (CPI)
2	<b>NOTE:</b> By the end of <a href="#">grade 2</a> , ALL students progress toward <a href="#">BASIC LITERACY</a> in the following content knowledge and skills in THEATRE.		
	The elements of theatre are recognizable in theatrical performances.	1.1.2.C.1	Identify basic <a href="#">elements of theatre</a> and describe their use in a variety of theatrical performances.
	Theatre artists use precise vocabulary when staging a play.	1.1.2.C.2	Express stage directions, areas of the stage, basic stage movements, and parts of a script using correct theatre terms (e.g., setting, costumes, plot, theme, etc.).
	Creative drama and storytelling use voice, movement, and facial expression to communicate emotions. Creating characters is an act of intention in which actors play themselves in an imaginary set of circumstances.	1.1.2.C.3	Distinguish between characters, actors, and the self by demonstrating respect for personal space, creative movement, and pantomime skills while interacting with others in creative drama and storytelling.
	The <a href="#">technical theatrical elements</a> and theatre architecture are inherent in theatrical design and production.	1.1.2.C.4	Describe the use of the technical theatrical elements by examining examples of theatrical design in productions.
5	<b>NOTE:</b> By the end of <a href="#">grade 5</a> , ALL students demonstrate <a href="#">BASIC LITERACY</a> in the following content knowledge and skills in THEATRE.		
	The well-made play uses a specific, identifiable narrative structure (e.g., inciting incident, climax, dénouement, etc.).	1.1.5.C.1	Evaluate the <a href="#">characteristics of a well-made play</a> in a variety of scripts and performances.
	The actor's physicality and vocal techniques have a direct relationship to character development.	1.1.5.C.2	Interpret the relationship between the actor's physical and vocal choices and an audience's perception of character development by identifying examples of vocal variety, stage business, concentration, and focus.
	Time, place, mood, and theme are enhanced through use of the technical theatrical elements.	1.1.5.C.3	Analyze the use of <a href="#">technical theatrical elements</a> to identify how time, place, mood, and theme are created.
	<a href="#">Sensory recall</a> is a technique actors commonly employ to heighten the believability of a character.	1.1.5.C.4	Explain the function of sensory recall and apply it to character development.
8	<b>NOTE:</b> By the end of <a href="#">grade 8</a> , those students choosing THEATRE as their required area of specialization demonstrate <a href="#">COMPETENCY</a> in the following content knowledge and skills.		

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	Distinct pieces of dramatic literature and theatrical trends reflect cultural traditions and periods in history.	1.1.8.C.1	Analyze the structural components of plays and performances from a variety of Western and non-Western theatrical traditions and from different <a href="#">historical eras</a> .
	Actors exercise their voices and bodies through a wide variety of techniques to expand the range and the clarity of the characters they develop.	1.1.8.C.2	Determine the effectiveness of various methods of vocal, physical, relaxation, and acting techniques used in actor training.
	Emotion and meaning are often communicated through modulations of vocal rate, pitch, and volume.	1.1.8.C.3	Differentiate among vocal rate, pitch, and volume, and explain how they affect articulation, meaning, and character.
	A team of artists, technicians, and managers who collaborate to achieve a common goal uses a broad range of skills to create theatrical performances.	1.1.8.C.4	Define the areas of responsibility (e.g., actor, director, producer, scenic, lighting, costume, stagehand, etc.) and necessary job skills of the front and back-of-house members of a theatre company.
12	<b>NOTE:</b> By the end of <a href="#">grade 12</a> , those students choosing THEATRE as their required area of specialization demonstrate <b>PROFICIENCY</b> in the following content knowledge and skills.		
	Theatre and the arts play a significant role in human history and culture.	1.1.12.C.1	Analyze examples of theatre's influence on history and history's influence on theatre in Western and non-Western theatre traditions.
	Characters have physical, emotional, and social dimensions that can be communicated through the application of acting techniques.	1.1.12.C.2	Formulate a process of script analysis to identify how the physical, emotional, and social dimensions of a character are communicated through the application of acting techniques.
	Theatre production is an art, but it is also a science requiring knowledge of safety procedures, materials, technology, and construction techniques.	1.1.12.C.3	Apply the basic physical and chemical properties (e.g., light, electricity, color, paint, scenic construction, costumes, makeup, and audio components) inherent in technical theatre to safely implement theatre design.

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Standard	<b>1.1 The Creative Process:</b> All students will demonstrate an understanding of the elements and principles that govern the creation of works of art in dance, music, theatre, and visual art.		
Strand	<b>D. Visual Art</b>		
By the end of grade	Content Statement	CPI #	Cumulative Progress Indicator (CPI)
2	<b>NOTE:</b> By the end of <a href="#">grade 2</a> , ALL students progress toward <a href="#">BASIC LITERACY</a> in the following content knowledge and skills in VISUAL ART.		
	The basic <a href="#">elements of art</a> and <a href="#">principles of design</a> govern art creation and composition.	1.1.2.D.1	Identify the basic elements of art and principles of design in diverse types of artwork.
	Recognizing the <a href="#">elements of art</a> and <a href="#">principles of design</a> in artworks of known and emerging artists, as well as peers, is an initial step toward visual literacy.	1.1.2.D.2	Identify elements of art and principles of design in specific works of art and explain how they are used.
5	<b>NOTE:</b> By the end of <a href="#">grade 5</a> , ALL students demonstrate <a href="#">BASIC LITERACY</a> in the following content knowledge and skills in VISUAL ART.		
	Understanding the function and purpose of the <a href="#">elements of art</a> and <a href="#">principles of design</a> assists with forming an appreciation of how art and design enhance functionality and improve quality of living.	1.1.5.D.1	Identify elements of art and principles of design that are evident in everyday life.
	The <a href="#">elements of art</a> and <a href="#">principles of design</a> are universal.	1.1.5.D.2	Compare and contrast works of art in various <a href="#">mediums</a> that use the same art elements and principles of design.
8	<b>NOTE:</b> By the end of <a href="#">grade 8</a> , those students choosing VISUAL ART as their required area of specialization demonstrate <a href="#">COMPETENCY</a> in the following content knowledge and skills.		
	Art is a universal language. Visual communication through art crosses cultural and language barriers throughout time.	1.1.8. D.1	Describe the intellectual and emotional significance conveyed by the application of the <a href="#">elements of art</a> and <a href="#">principles of design</a> in different <a href="#">historical eras</a> and cultures.
	The study of masterworks of art from diverse cultures and different <a href="#">historical eras</a> assists in understanding specific cultures.	1.1.8. D.2	Compare and contrast various masterworks of art from diverse cultures, and identify elements of the works that relate to specific cultural heritages.
12	<b>NOTE:</b> By the end of <a href="#">grade 12</a> , those students choosing VISUAL ART as their required area of specialization demonstrate <a href="#">PROFICIENCY</a> in the following content knowledge and skills.		
	Common themes exist in artwork from a variety of cultures across time and are communicated	1.1.12.D.1	Distinguish innovative applications of the <a href="#">elements of art</a> and <a href="#">principles of design</a> in visual artworks from diverse

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	through metaphor, symbolism, and allegory.		cultural perspectives and identify specific cross-cultural themes.
	Stimuli for the creation of artworks can come from many places, including other arts disciplines.	1.1.12.D.2	Translate literary, musical, theatrical, and dance compositions by using them as stimulus/inspiration for corresponding visual artworks.

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Standard		1.2: History of the Arts and Culture: All students will understand the role, development, and influence of the arts throughout history and across cultures.	
Strand		A. History of the Arts and Culture	
By the end of grade	Content Statement	CPI #	Cumulative Progress Indicator (CPI)
2	<b>NOTE:</b> By the end of <a href="#">grade 2</a> , ALL students progress toward <a href="#">BASIC LITERACY</a> in the following content knowledge and skills in DANCE, MUSIC, THEATRE, and VISUAL ART.		
	Dance, music, theatre, and visual artwork from diverse cultures and <a href="#">historical eras</a> have distinct characteristics and common themes that are revealed by contextual clues within the works of art.	1.2.2.A.1	Identify characteristic theme-based works of dance, music, theatre, and visual art, such as artworks based on the themes of family and community, from various historical periods and world cultures.
	The function and purpose of art-making across cultures is a reflection of societal values and beliefs.	1.2.2.A.2	Identify how artists and specific works of dance, music, theatre, and visual art reflect, and are affected by, past and present cultures.
5	<b>NOTE:</b> By the end of <a href="#">grade 5</a> , ALL students demonstrate <a href="#">BASIC LITERACY</a> in the following content knowledge and skills in DANCE, MUSIC, THEATRE, and VISUAL ART.		
	Art and culture reflect and affect each other.	1.2.5.A.1	Recognize works of dance, music, theatre, and visual art as a reflection of societal values and beliefs.
	Characteristic approaches to content, form, style, and design define art genres.	1.2.5.A.2	Relate common artistic elements that define distinctive <a href="#">art genres</a> in dance, music, theatre, and visual art.
	Sometimes the contributions of an individual artist can influence a generation of artists and signal the beginning of a new <a href="#">art genre</a> .	1.2.5.A.3	Determine the impact of significant contributions of individual artists in dance, music, theatre, and visual art from diverse cultures throughout history.
8	<b>NOTE:</b> By the end of <a href="#">grade 8</a> , all students demonstrate <a href="#">COMPETENCY</a> in the following content knowledge and skills for their required area of specialization in DANCE, MUSIC, THEATRE, or VISUAL ART.		
	Technological changes have and will continue to substantially influence the development and nature of the arts.	1.2.8.A.1	Map historical innovations in dance, music, theatre, and visual art that were caused by the creation of new technologies.
	Tracing the histories of dance, music, theatre, and visual art in world cultures provides insight into the lives of people and their values.	1.2.8.A.2	Differentiate past and contemporary works of dance, music, theatre, and visual art that represent important ideas, issues, and events that are chronicled in the histories of diverse cultures.
	The arts reflect cultural morays and personal aesthetics throughout the ages.	1.2.8.A.3	Analyze the social, historical, and political impact of artists on culture and the impact of culture on the arts.

12	<b>NOTE:</b> By the end of <a href="#">grade 12</a> , all students demonstrate <a href="#">PROFICIENCY</a> in the following content knowledge and skills for their required area of specialization in DANCE, MUSIC, THEATRE, or VISUAL ART.		
	Cultural and historical events impact art-making as well as how audiences respond to works of art.	1.2.12.A.1	Determine how dance, music, theatre, and visual art have influenced world cultures throughout history.
	Access to the arts has a positive influence on the quality of an individual's lifelong learning, personal expression, and contributions to community and global citizenship.	1.2.12.A.2	Justify the impact of innovations in the arts (e.g., the availability of music online) on societal norms and habits of mind in various <a href="#">historical eras</a> .

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Standard		1.3 Performance: All students will synthesize those skills, media, methods, and technologies appropriate to creating, performing, and/or presenting works of art in dance, music, theatre, and visual art.	
Strand		A. Dance	
By the end of grade	Content Statement	CPI #	Cumulative Progress Indicator (CPI)
P	<b>NOTE:</b> For those <a href="#">preschool</a> programs that offer appropriate time and frequency of instruction, all students attain foundational skills that later lead to <a href="#">BASIC LITERACY</a> in DANCE.		
	Creative movement/dance is a means of self-expression.	1.3.P.A.1	Move the body in a variety of ways, with and without music.
		1.3.P.A.2	Respond to changes in tempo and a variety of musical rhythms through body movement.
		1.3.P.A.3	Participate in simple sequences of movements.
		1.3.P.A.4	Define and maintain personal space, concentration, and focus during creative movement/dance performances.
		1.3.P.A.5	Participate in or observe a variety of dance and movement activities accompanied by music and/or props from different cultures and genres.
2	<b>NOTE:</b> By the end of <a href="#">grade 2</a> , ALL students progress toward <a href="#">BASIC LITERACY</a> in the following content knowledge and skills in DANCE.		
	The elements of dance are time, space, and energy. Improvisational structures facilitate movement invention. Musical or non-musical accompaniment is a choice. Dance can communicate meaning around a variety of themes.	1.3.2.A.1	Create and perform planned and improvised movement sequences using the <a href="#">elements of dance</a> , with and without musical accompaniment, to communicate meaning around a variety of themes.
	The creation of an original dance composition often begins with improvisation. Movement sequences change when applying the <a href="#">elements of dance</a> .	1.3.2.A.2	Create and perform planned and improvised movement sequences, alone and in small groups, with variations in tempo, meter, rhythm, spatial level (i.e., low, middle, and high), and spatial pathway.
	The integrity of choreographed sequences is maintained by personal and group spatial relationships. Dance movement skills also require concentration and the intentional direction of focus during performance.	1.3.2.A.3	Define and maintain personal space, concentrate, and appropriately direct focus while performing movement skills.
	<a href="#">Locomotor and non-locomotor movements</a> may contribute equally to the thematic content of solo and ensemble dances.	1.3.2.A.4	Create and perform original movement sequences alone and with a partner using <a href="#">locomotor and non-locomotor movements</a> at various levels in space.



5	<b>NOTE:</b> By the end of <a href="#">grade 5</a> , ALL students demonstrate <a href="#">BASIC LITERACY</a> in the following content knowledge and skills in DANCE.		
	Fundamental movement structures include a defined beginning, middle, and ending. Planned choreographic and improvised movement sequences manipulate time, space, and energy. Kinesthetic transference of rhythm comes from auditory and visual stimuli.	1.3.5.A.1	Perform planned and improvised sequences with a distinct beginning, middle, and end that manipulate time, space, and energy, and accurately transfer rhythmic patterns from the auditory to the kinesthetic.
	The creation of an original dance composition is often reliant on improvisation as a choreographic tool. The essence/character of a movement sequence is also transformed when performed at varying spatial levels (i.e., low, middle, and high), at different tempos, along different spatial pathways, or with different movement qualities.	1.3.5.A.2	Use improvisation as a tool to create and perform movement sequences incorporating various spatial levels (i.e., low, middle, and high), tempos, and spatial pathways.
	Works of art, props, and other creative stimuli can be used to inform the thematic content of dances.	1.3.5.A.3	Create and perform dances alone and in small groups that communicate meaning on a variety of themes, using props or artwork as creative stimuli.
	Dance requires a fundamental understanding of body alignment and applied <a href="#">kinesthetic principles</a> . Age-appropriate conditioning of the body enhances flexibility, balance, strength, focus, concentration, and performance technique.	1.3.5.A.4	Demonstrate developmentally appropriate <a href="#">kinesthetic awareness</a> of basic anatomical principles, using flexibility, balance, strength, focus, concentration, and coordination.
	Various dance styles, traditions, and techniques adhere to basic principles of alignment, balance, focus, and initiation of movement.	1.3.5.A.5	Perform basic sequences of movement from different styles or traditions accurately, demonstrating proper alignment, balance, initiation of movement, and direction of focus.
8	<b>NOTE:</b> By the end of <a href="#">grade 8</a> , those students choosing DANCE as their required area of specialization demonstrate <a href="#">COMPETENCY</a> in the following content knowledge and skills.		
	Movement dynamics and qualities emphasize time, space, and energy. <a href="#">Movement affinities</a> and <a href="#">effort actions</a> impact dynamic tension and spatial relationships.	1.3.8.A.1	Incorporate a broad range of dynamics and movement qualities in planned and improvised solo and group works by manipulating aspects of time, space, and energy.
	Dance may be used as a symbolic language to communicate universal themes and varied points of view about social, political, or historical issues in given eras.	1.3.8.A.2	Choreograph and perform cohesive dance works that reflect social, historical, and/or political themes.
	Foundational understanding of anatomical and	1.3.8.A.3	Choreograph and perform movement sequences that

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	<a href="#">kinesthetic principles</a> is a contributing factor to dance artistry. Artistry in dance requires rhythmic acuity.		demonstrate artistic application of anatomical and kinesthetic principles as well as rhythmic acuity.
	Technology and <a href="#">media arts</a> are often catalysts for creating original choreographic compositions.	1.3.8.A.4	Use <a href="#">media arts</a> and technology in the creation and performance of short, original choreographic compositions.
12	<b>NOTE:</b> By the end of <a href="#">grade 12</a> , those students choosing DANCE as their required area of specialization demonstrate <b>PROFICIENCY</b> in the following content knowledge and skills.		
	Creating highly integrated improvisational movement sequences develops personal style for solo and ensemble work. Characteristics of style vary broadly across dance <a href="#">genres</a> .	1.3.12.A.1	Integrate and recombine movement vocabulary drawn from a variety of dance genres, using improvisation as a choreographic tool to create solo and ensemble compositions.
	Aesthetic quality results from conceptual coherence and from understanding and application of the principle unity of form and content.	1.3.12.A.2	Create theme-based solo and ensemble dances that have unity of form and content, conceptual coherence, and aesthetic unity.
	Dance artistry is achieved through refined technique, musicality, clarity of choreographic intent, stylistic nuance, and application of proper body mechanics.	1.3.12.A.3	Demonstrate dance artistry with technical proficiency, musicality, stylistic nuance, clarity of choreographic intent, and efficiency of movement through the application of proper body mechanics.
	Dance production is collaborative and requires choreographic, technological, design, and performance skill.	1.3.12.A.4	Collaborate in the design and production of dances that use <a href="#">choreographic structures</a> and incorporate various media and/or technologies.

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Standard		1.3 Performance: All students will synthesize those skills, media, methods, and technologies appropriate to creating, performing, and/or presenting works of art in dance, music, theatre, and visual art.	
Strand		B. Music	
By the end of grade	Content Statement	CPI #	Cumulative Progress Indicator (CPI)
P	<b>NOTE:</b> For those <a href="#">preschool</a> programs that offer appropriate time and frequency of instruction, all students attain foundational skills that later lead to <a href="#">BASIC LITERACY</a> in MUSIC.		
	Creating and performing music provides a means of self-expression for very young learners.	1.3.P.B.1	Sing a variety of songs with expression, independently and with others.
		1.3.P.B.2	Use a variety of musical instruments to create music, alone and/or with others, using different beats, tempos, dynamics, and interpretations.
		1.3.P.B.3	Clap or sing songs with repetitive phrases and rhythmic patterns.
		1.3.P.B.4	Listen to, imitate, and improvise sounds, patterns, or songs.
2	<b>NOTE:</b> By the end of <a href="#">grade 2</a> , ALL students progress toward <a href="#">BASIC LITERACY</a> in the following content knowledge and skills in MUSIC.		
	The ability to read music notation correlates with musical fluency and literacy. Notation systems are complex symbolic languages that indicate pitch, rhythm, dynamics, and tempo.	1.3.2.B.1	Clap, sing, or play on pitch from basic notation in the treble clef, with consideration of pitch, rhythm, dynamics, and tempo.
	Proper vocal production/ <a href="#">vocal placement</a> requires an understanding of basic anatomy and the physical properties of sound.	1.3.2.B.2	Demonstrate developmentally appropriate vocal production/vocal placement and breathing technique.
	Playing techniques for <a href="#">Orff instruments</a> develop foundational skills used for hand percussion and melodic percussion instruments.	1.3.2.B.3	Demonstrate correct playing techniques for Orff instruments or equivalent homemade instruments.
	Proper breathing technique and correct posture improve the timbre of the voice and protect the voice when singing.	1.3.2.B.4	Vocalize the <a href="#">home tone</a> of familiar and unfamiliar songs, and demonstrate appropriate posture and breathing technique while performing songs, rounds, or canons in unison and with a partner.
	Improvisation is a foundational skill for <a href="#">music composition</a> .	1.3.2.B.5	Improvise short tonal and rhythmic patterns over <a href="#">ostinatos</a> , and modify melodic or rhythmic patterns using selected notes and/or scales to create expressive ideas.
	Prescribed forms and rules govern <a href="#">music</a>	1.3.2.B.6	Sing or play simple melodies or rhythmic

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	<a href="#">composition</a> , rhythmic accompaniment, and the harmonizing of parts.		accompaniments in AB and ABA forms independently and in groups, and sight-read rhythmic and music notation up to and including eighth notes and rests in a major scale.
	Basic conducting patterns and gestures provide cues about how and when to execute changes in dynamics, timbre, and timing.	1.3.2.B.7	Blend unison and harmonic parts and vocal or instrumental timbres while matching dynamic levels in response to a conductor's cues.
5	<b>NOTE:</b> By the end of <a href="#">grade 5</a> , ALL students demonstrate <a href="#">BASIC LITERACY</a> in the following content knowledge and skills in MUSIC.		
	Complex scores may include compound meters and the grand staff.	1.3.5.B.1	Sing or play music from complex notation, using notation systems in treble and bass clef, <a href="#">mixed meter</a> , and <a href="#">compound meter</a> .
	Proper vocal production and <a href="#">vocal placement</a> improve vocal quality. Harmonizing requires singing ability and active listening skills. Individual voice ranges change with time.	1.3.5.B.2	Sing melodic and harmonizing parts, independently and in groups, adjusting to the range and timbre of the developing voice.
	<a href="#">Music composition</a> is governed by prescribed rules and forms that apply to both improvised and scored music.	1.3.5.B.3	Improvise and score simple melodies over given harmonic structures using traditional instruments and/or computer programs.
	Decoding musical scores requires understanding of notation systems, the <a href="#">elements of music</a> , and basic compositional concepts.	1.3.5.B.4	Decode how the elements of music are used to achieve unity and variety, tension and release, and balance in musical compositions.
8	<b>NOTE:</b> By the end of <a href="#">grade 8</a> , those students choosing MUSIC as their required area of specialization demonstrate <a href="#">COMPETENCY</a> in the following content knowledge and skills.		
	Western, non-Western, and avant-garde notation systems have distinctly different characteristics.	1.3.8.B.1	Perform instrumental or vocal compositions using complex standard and non-standard Western, non-Western, and avant-garde notation.
	Stylistic considerations vary across <a href="#">genres</a> , cultures, and <a href="#">historical eras</a> .	1.3.8.B.2	Perform independently and in groups with expressive qualities appropriately aligned with the stylistic characteristics of the genre.
	Understanding of discipline-specific arts terminology (e.g., crescendo, diminuendo, pianissimo, forte, etc.) is a component of music literacy.	1.3.8.B.3	Apply theoretical understanding of expressive and dynamic music terminology to the performance of written scores in the grand staff.
	Improvisation is a compositional skill that is dependent on understanding the <a href="#">elements of music</a> as well as stylistic nuances of <a href="#">historical eras</a> and <a href="#">genres</a> of music.	1.3.8.B.4	Improvise music in a selected genre or style, using the elements of music that are consistent with basic playing and/or singing techniques in that genre or style.
12	<b>NOTE:</b> By the end of <a href="#">grade 12</a> , those students choosing MUSIC as their required area of specialization demonstrate <a href="#">PROFICIENCY</a> in the following content knowledge and skills.		

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	Technical accuracy, musicality, and stylistic considerations vary according to <a href="#">genre</a> , culture, and <a href="#">historical era</a> .	1.3.12.B.1	Analyze compositions from different world cultures and genres with respect to technique, musicality, and stylistic nuance, and/or perform excerpts with technical accuracy, appropriate musicality, and the relevant stylistic nuance.
	The ability to read and interpret music impacts musical fluency.	1.3.12.B.2	Analyze how the <a href="#">elements of music</a> are manipulated in original or prepared musical scores.
	Understanding of how to manipulate the <a href="#">elements of music</a> is a contributing factor to musical artistry.	1.3.12.B.3	Improvise works through the conscious manipulation of the elements of music, using a variety of traditional and nontraditional sound sources, including electronic sound-generating equipment and music generation programs.
	Basic vocal and instrumental arranging skills require theoretical understanding of <a href="#">music composition</a> .	1.3.12.B.4	Arrange simple pieces for voice or instrument using a variety of traditional and nontraditional sound sources or electronic media, and/or analyze prepared scores using music composition software.

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Strand		C. Theatre	
By the end of grade	Content Statement	CPI #	Cumulative Progress Indicator (CPI)
P	<b>NOTE:</b> For those <a href="#">preschool</a> programs that offer appropriate time and frequency of instruction, all students attain foundational skills that later lead to <a href="#">BASIC LITERACY</a> in THEATRE.		
	Dramatic play provides a means of self-expression for very young learners.	1.3.P.C.1	Play roles observed through life experiences (e.g., mom/dad, baby, firefighter, police officer, doctor, and mechanic).
		1.3.P.C.2	Use memory, imagination, creativity, and language to make up new roles and act them out.
		1.3.P.C.3	Participate with others in dramatic play, negotiating roles and setting up scenarios using costumes and props.
		1.3.P.C.4	Differentiate between fantasy/pretend play and real events.
		1.3.P.C.5	Sustain and extend dramatic play interactions (i.e., anticipate what will happen next).
		1.3.P.C.6	Begin to demonstrate appropriate audience skills during storytelling and performances.
		1.3.P.C.7	Describe feelings and reactions and make increasingly informed responses to stories and dramatic performances.
		1.3.P.C.8	Participate in and listen to stories and dramatic performances from a variety of cultures and times.
2	<b>NOTE:</b> By the end of <a href="#">grade 2</a> , ALL students progress toward <a href="#">BASIC LITERACY</a> in the following content knowledge and skills in THEATRE.		
	Plays may use narrative structures to communicate themes.	1.3.2.C.1	Portray characters when given specifics about circumstances, plot, and thematic intent, demonstrating logical story sequence and informed character choices.
	Actors use voice and movement as tools for storytelling.	1.3.2.C.2	Use voice and movement in solo, paired, and group pantomimes and improvisations.
	Voice and movement have broad ranges of expressive potential.	1.3.2.C.3	Develop awareness of vocal range, personal space, and character-specific vocal and creative movement choices.
5	<b>NOTE:</b> By the end of <a href="#">grade 5</a> , ALL students demonstrate <a href="#">BASIC LITERACY</a> in the following content knowledge and skills in THEATRE.		

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	A play's effectiveness is enhanced by the theatre artists' knowledge of <a href="#">technical theatrical elements</a> and understanding of the <a href="#">elements of theatre</a> .	1.3.5.C.1	Create original plays using script-writing formats that include stage directions and <a href="#">technical theatrical elements</a> , demonstrating comprehension of the <a href="#">elements of theatre</a> and story construction.
	Performers use active listening skills in scripted and improvised performances to create believable, multidimensional characters. Actors create a sense of truth and believability by applying performance techniques that are appropriate to the circumstances of a scripted or improvised performance.	1.3.5.C.2	Demonstrate how active listening skills, vocal variety, physical expression, stage business, sensory recall, concentration, and focus affect meaning in scripted and improvised performances.
8	<b>NOTE:</b> By the end of <a href="#">grade 8</a> , those students choosing THEATRE as their required area of specialization demonstrate <a href="#">COMPETENCY</a> in the following content knowledge and skills.		
	Effective scripted and improvisational performances require informed, supported, and sustained choices by actors, directors, and designers. Techniques for communicating a character's intent vary in live performances and recorded venues.	1.3.8.C.1	Create a method for defining and articulating character objectives, intentions, and subtext, and apply the method to the portrayal of characters in live performances or recorded venues.
	Dramatic context and active listening skills inform development of believable, multidimensional characters in scripted and improvised performances. Mastery of physical and vocal skills enables actors to create dramatic action that generates a sense of truth and credibility.	1.3.8.C.2	Create and apply a process for developing believable, multidimensional characters in scripted and improvised performances by combining methods of relaxation, <a href="#">physical and vocal skills</a> , acting techniques, and active listening skills.
12	<b>NOTE:</b> By the end of <a href="#">grade 12</a> , those students choosing THEATRE as their required area of specialization demonstrate <a href="#">PROFICIENCY</a> in the following content knowledge and skills.		
	Effective scripted and improvisational performances require informed, supported, and sustained choices by actors, directors, and designers. Theatre genres are created by combining complex narrative structures, technical theatrical elements, and thematic intent.	1.3.12.C.1	Create plays that include well-structured plots and subplots, clear thematic intent, original characters, and <a href="#">technical theatrical elements</a> appropriate to a variety of <a href="#">theatrical genres</a> .
	Presentation of believable, multidimensional characters in scripted and improvised performances requires application of specific physical choices, sustained vocal technique, and clearly motivated actions.	1.3.12.C.2	Create and evaluate performances by citing evidence of specific physical choices, sustained vocal technique, and clearly motivated actions.



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Standard		1.3 Performance: All students will synthesize those skills, media, methods, and technologies appropriate to creating, performing, and/or presenting works of art in dance, music, theatre, and visual art.		
Strand		D. Visual Art		
By the end of grade	Content Statement	CPI #	Cumulative Progress Indicator (CPI)	
P	<b>NOTE:</b> For those <a href="#">preschool</a> programs that offer appropriate time and frequency of instruction, all students attain foundational skills that later lead to <a href="#">BASIC LITERACY</a> in VISUAL ART.			
	Each <a href="#">art medium</a> has its own materials, processes, skills, and technical application methods.	1.3.P.D.1	Demonstrate the safe and appropriate use and care of art materials and tools.	
2	<b>NOTE:</b> By the end of <a href="#">grade 2</a> , ALL students progress toward <a href="#">BASIC LITERACY</a> in the following content knowledge and skills in VISUAL ART.			
	Visual statements in art are derived from the basic <a href="#">elements of art</a> regardless of the format and <a href="#">medium</a> used to create the art. There are also a wide variety of <a href="#">art media</a> , each having its own materials, processes, and technical application methods for exploring solutions to creative problems.	1.3.2.D.1	Create two- and three-dimensional works of art using the basic elements of color, line, shape, form, texture, and space, as well as a variety of art mediums and application methods.	
	Symbols convey meaning agreed upon by a group or culture. Manipulation of the basic <a href="#">elements of art</a> and <a href="#">principles of design</a> for personal expression results in <a href="#">visual communication</a> that may be relevant in a variety of settings.	1.3.2.D.2	Use symbols to create personal works of art based on selected age-appropriate themes, using oral stories as a basis for pictorial representation.	
	Each of the visual art forms uses various materials, tools, and techniques that are associated with unique verbal and visual vocabularies.	1.3.2.D.3	Employ basic verbal and visual art vocabulary to demonstrate knowledge of the materials, tools, and methodologies used to create and tell visual stories.	
	Knowledge of visual art media necessitates an understanding of a variety of traditional and nontraditional tools, applications, possibilities, and limitations.	1.3.2.D.4	Explore the use of a wide array of <a href="#">art mediums</a> and select tools that are appropriate to the production of works of art in a variety of <a href="#">art media</a> .	
	Visual awareness stems from acute observational skills and interest in visual objects, spaces, and the relationship of objects to the world.	1.3.2.D.5	Create works of art that are based on observations of the physical world and that illustrate how art is part of everyday life, using a variety of <a href="#">art mediums</a> and <a href="#">art media</a> .	



5	<b>NOTE:</b> By the end of <a href="#">grade 5</a> , ALL students demonstrate <a href="#">BASIC LITERACY</a> in the following content knowledge and skills in VISUAL ART.		
	The <a href="#">elements of art</a> and <a href="#">principles of design</a> can be applied in an infinite number of ways to express personal responses to creative problems.	1.3.5.D.1	Work individually and collaboratively to create two- and three-dimensional works of art that make cohesive visual statements and that employ the elements of art and principles of design.
	Contextual clues to culturally specific thematic content, symbolism, compositional approach, and stylistic nuance are prevalent in works of art throughout the ages.	1.3.5.D.2	Identify common and distinctive characteristics of artworks from diverse cultural and <a href="#">historical eras</a> of visual art using age-appropriate stylistic terminology (e.g., cubist, surreal, optic, impressionistic), and experiment with various compositional approaches influenced by these styles.
	Each of the <a href="#">genres</a> of visual art (e.g., realism, surrealism, abstract/nonobjective art, conceptual art, and others) is associated with appropriate vocabulary and a stylistic approach to art-making.	1.3.5.D.3	Identify common and distinctive characteristics of genres of visual artworks (e.g., realism, surrealism, abstract/nonobjective art, conceptual art, and others) using age-appropriate terminology, and experiment with various compositional approaches influenced by these genres.
	The characteristics and physical properties of the various materials available for use in art-making present infinite possibilities for potential application.	1.3.5.D.4	Differentiate drawing, painting, ceramics, sculpture, printmaking, textiles, and computer imaging by the physical properties of the resulting artworks, and experiment with various <a href="#">art media</a> and <a href="#">art mediums</a> to create original works of art.
	There are many types of aesthetic arrangements for the exhibition of art. Creating or assembling gallery exhibitions requires effective time management and creative problem-solving skills.	1.3.5.D.5	Collaborate in the creation of works of art using multiple <a href="#">art media</a> and <a href="#">art mediums</a> , and present the completed works in exhibition areas inside and outside the classroom.
8	<b>NOTE:</b> By the end of <a href="#">grade 8</a> , those students choosing VISUAL ART as their required area of specialization demonstrate <a href="#">COMPETENCY</a> in the following content knowledge and skills.		
	The creation of art is driven by the principles of balance, harmony, unity, emphasis, proportion, and rhythm/movement.	1.3.8.D.1	Incorporate various art elements and the principles of balance, harmony, unity, emphasis, proportion, and rhythm/movement in the creation of two- and three-dimensional artworks, using a broad array of <a href="#">art media</a> and <a href="#">art mediums</a> to enhance the expression of creative ideas (e.g., perspective, implied space, illusionary depth, value, and pattern).
	Themes in art are often communicated through symbolism, allegory, or irony. There are a wide variety of art mediums, each having appropriate	1.3.8.D.2	Apply various <a href="#">art media</a> , <a href="#">art mediums</a> , technologies, and processes in the creation of allegorical, theme-based, two- and three-dimensional works of art, using tools and

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	tools and processes for the production of artwork. Fluency in these mediums, and the use of the appropriate tools associated with working in these mediums, are components of art-making.		technologies that are appropriate to the theme and goals.
	The classification of art into various art <a href="#">genres</a> depends on the formal aspects of visual statements (e.g., physical properties, theoretical components, cultural context). Many genres of art are associated with <a href="#">discipline-specific arts terminology</a> .	1.3.8.D.3	Identify genres of art (including realism, abstract/nonobjective art, and conceptual art) within various contexts using appropriate art vocabulary, and solve hands-on visual problems using a variety of genre styles.
	Universal themes exist in art across <a href="#">historical eras</a> and cultures. Art may embrace multiple solutions to a problem.	1.3.8.D.4	Delineate the thematic content of multicultural artworks, and plan, design, and execute multiple solutions to challenging visual arts problems, expressing similar thematic content.
	Each of the many <a href="#">genres</a> of art is associated with <a href="#">discipline-specific arts terminology</a> and a stylistic approach to art-making.	1.3.8.D.5	Examine the characteristics, thematic content, and symbolism found in works of art from diverse cultural and <a href="#">historical eras</a> , and use these visual statements as inspiration for original artworks.
	The visual possibilities and inherent qualities of traditional and contemporary art materials (including digital media) may inform choices about visual communication and art-making techniques.	1.3.8.D.6	Synthesize the physical properties, processes, and techniques for visual communication in multiple <a href="#">art media</a> (including digital media), and apply this knowledge to the creation of original artworks.
12	<b>NOTE:</b> By the end of <a href="#">grade 12</a> , those students choosing VISUAL ART as their required area of specialization demonstrate <a href="#">PROFICIENCY</a> in the following content knowledge and skills.		
	How individuals manipulate the <a href="#">elements of art</a> and <a href="#">principles of design</a> results in original portfolios that reflect choice and personal stylistic nuance.	1.3.12.D.1	Synthesize the elements of art and principles of design in an original portfolio of two- and three-dimensional artworks that reflects personal style and a high degree of technical proficiency and expressivity.
	Culturally and historically diverse <a href="#">art media</a> , <a href="#">art mediums</a> , techniques, and styles impact originality and interpretation of the artistic statement.	1.3.12.D.2	Produce an original body of artwork in one or more <a href="#">art mediums</a> that demonstrates mastery of <a href="#">visual literacy</a> , methods, techniques, and cultural understanding.
	The artist's understanding of the relationships among <a href="#">art media</a> , methodology, and visual statement allows the artist to use expressionism, abstractionism (nonobjective art), realism/naturalism, impressionism, and other	1.3.12.D.3	Organize an exhibit of personal works of visual art that convey a high level of understanding of how the expression of ideas relates to the <a href="#">art media</a> , <a href="#">art mediums</a> , and techniques used.

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	<a href="#">genre</a> styles to convey ideas to an audience.		
	Artists interpret/render themes using traditional <a href="#">art media</a> and methodologies as well as <a href="#">new art media and methodologies</a> .	1.3.12.D.4	Analyze the syntax and compositional and stylistic principles of two- and three-dimensional artworks in multiple art media (including computer-assisted artwork), and interpret themes and symbols suggested by the artworks.
	Two- and three-dimensional artworks can be rendered culturally specific by using the tools, techniques, styles, materials, and methodologies that are germane to a particular cultural style.	1.3.12.D.5	Identify the styles and artistic processes used in the creation of culturally and historically diverse two- and three-dimensional artworks, and emulate those styles by creating an original body of work.

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Standard		1.4 Aesthetic Responses & Critique Methodologies: All students will demonstrate and apply an understanding of arts philosophies, judgment, and analysis to works of art in dance, music, theatre, and visual art.	
Strand		A. Aesthetic Responses	
By the end of grade	Content Statement	CPI #	Cumulative Progress Indicator (CPI)
P	<b>NOTE:</b> For those <a href="#">preschool</a> programs that offer appropriate time and frequency of instruction, all students attain foundational skills that later lead to <a href="#">BASIC LITERACY</a> in DANCE, MUSIC, THEATRE, and VISUAL ART.		
	There is beauty in the everyday world and in works of art.	1.4.P.A.1	Begin to demonstrate appropriate audience skills during creative movement and dance performances.
		1.4.P.A.2	Describe feelings and reactions in response to a creative movement/dance performance.
		1.4.P.A.3	Begin to demonstrate appropriate audience skills during recordings and music performances.
		1.4.P.A.4	Describe feelings and reactions in response to diverse musical genres and styles.
		1.4.P.A.5	Begin to demonstrate appropriate audience skills during storytelling and performances.
		1.4.P.A.6	Describe feelings and reactions and respond in an increasingly informed manner to stories and dramatic performances.
		1.4.P.A.7	Describe feelings and reactions and make increasingly thoughtful observations in response to a variety of culturally diverse works of art and objects in the everyday world.
2	<b>NOTE:</b> By the end of <a href="#">grade 2</a> , ALL students progress toward <a href="#">BASIC LITERACY</a> in the following content knowledge and skills in DANCE, MUSIC, THEATRE, and VISUAL ART.		
	Each arts discipline (dance, music, theatre, and visual art) has distinct characteristics, as do the artists who create them.	1.4.2.A.1	Identify aesthetic qualities of <a href="#">exemplary works</a> of art in dance, music, theatre, and visual art, and identify characteristics of the artists who created them (e.g., gender, age, absence or presence of training, style, etc.).
		1.4.2.A.2	Compare and contrast culturally and historically diverse works of dance, music, theatre, and visual art that evoke emotion and that communicate cultural meaning.
		1.4.2.A.3	Use imagination to create a story based on an arts experience that communicated an emotion or feeling, and tell the story through each of the four arts disciplines

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			(dance, music, theatre, and visual art).
		1.4.2.A.4	Distinguish patterns in nature found in works of dance, music, theatre, and visual art.
5	<b>NOTE:</b> By the end of <a href="#">grade 5</a> , ALL students demonstrate <a href="#">BASIC LITERACY</a> in the following content knowledge and skills in DANCE, MUSIC, THEATRE, and VISUAL ART.		
	Works of art may be organized according to their functions and artistic purposes (e.g., <a href="#">genres</a> , <a href="#">mediums</a> , messages, themes).	1.4.5.A.1	Employ basic, <a href="#">discipline-specific arts terminology</a> to categorize works of dance, music, theatre, and visual art according to established classifications.
	<a href="#">Formalism</a> in dance, music, theatre, and visual art varies according to personal, cultural, and historical contexts.	1.4.5.A.2	Make informed aesthetic responses to artworks based on structural arrangement and personal, cultural, and historical points of view.
	Criteria for determining the aesthetic merits of artwork vary according to context. Understanding the relationship between compositional design and <a href="#">genre</a> provides the foundation for making value judgments about the arts.	1.4.5.A.3	Demonstrate how art communicates ideas about personal and social values and is inspired by an individual's imagination and frame of reference (e.g., personal, social, political, historical context).
8	<b>NOTE:</b> By the end of <a href="#">grade 8</a> , all students demonstrate <a href="#">COMPETENCY</a> in the following content knowledge and skills for their required area of specialization in DANCE, MUSIC, THEATRE, or VISUAL ART.		
	Contextual clues to artistic intent are embedded in artworks. Analysis of <a href="#">archetypal</a> or <a href="#">consummate works of art</a> requires knowledge and understanding of culturally specific art within historical contexts.	1.4.8.A.1	Generate observational and emotional responses to diverse culturally and historically specific works of dance, music, theatre, and visual art.
	Art may be used for <a href="#">utilitarian and non-utilitarian</a> purposes.	1.4.8.A.2	Identify works of dance, music, theatre, and visual art that are used for utilitarian and non-utilitarian purposes.
	Performance technique in dance, music, theatre, and visual art varies according to <a href="#">historical era</a> and <a href="#">genre</a> .	1.4.8.A.3	Distinguish among artistic styles, trends, and movements in dance, music, theatre, and visual art within diverse cultures and historical eras.
	Abstract ideas may be expressed in works of dance, music, theatre, and visual art using a <a href="#">genre's</a> stylistic traits.	1.4.8.A.4	Compare and contrast changes in the accepted meanings of known artworks over time, given shifts in societal norms, beliefs, or values.
	Symbolism and metaphor are characteristics of art and art-making.	1.4.8.A.5	Interpret symbolism and metaphors embedded in works of dance, music, theatre, and visual art.
	Awareness of basic elements of style and design in dance, music, theatre, and visual art inform the creation of criteria for judging originality.	1.4.8.A.6	Differentiate between "traditional" works of art and those that do not use conventional elements of style to express new ideas.
	Artwork may be both <a href="#">utilitarian and non-utilitarian</a> . Relative merits of works of art can be assessed through analysis of form, function,	1.4.8.A.7	Analyze the form, function, craftsmanship, and originality of representative works of dance, music, theatre, and visual art.

	craftsmanship, and originality.		
12	<b>NOTE:</b> By the end of <a href="#">grade 8</a> , all students demonstrate <a href="#">PROFICIENCY</a> in the following content knowledge and skills for their required area of specialization in DANCE, MUSIC, THEATRE, or VISUAL ART.		
	Recognition of fundamental elements within various arts disciplines (dance, music, theatre, and visual art) is dependent on the ability to decipher cultural implications embedded in artworks.	1.4.12.A.1	Use contextual clues to differentiate between unique and common properties and to discern the cultural implications of works of dance, music, theatre, and visual art.
	Contextual clues within artworks often reveal artistic intent, enabling the viewer to hypothesize the artist's concept.	1.4.12.A.2	Speculate on the artist's intent, using <a href="#">discipline-specific arts terminology</a> and citing embedded clues to substantiate the hypothesis.
	Artistic styles, trends, movements, and historical responses to various <a href="#">genres</a> of art evolve over time.	1.4.12.A.3	Develop informed personal responses to an assortment of artworks across the four arts disciplines (dance, music, theatre, and visual art), using historical significance, craftsmanship, cultural context, and originality as criteria for assigning value to the works.
	Criteria for assessing the historical significance, craftsmanship, cultural context, and originality of art are often expressed in qualitative, <a href="#">discipline-specific arts terminology</a> .	1.4.12.A.4	Evaluate how exposure to various cultures influences individual, emotional, intellectual, and kinesthetic responses to artwork.



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Standard		<b>1.4 Aesthetic Responses &amp; Critique Methodologies:</b> All students will demonstrate and apply an understanding of arts philosophies, judgment, and analysis to works of art in dance, music, theatre, and visual art.		
Strand		<b>B. Critique Methodologies</b>		
By the end of grade	Content Statement	CPI #	Cumulative Progress Indicator (CPI)	
2	<b>NOTE:</b> By the end of <a href="#">grade 2</a> , ALL students progress toward <a href="#">BASIC LITERACY</a> in the following content knowledge and skills in DANCE, MUSIC, THEATRE, and VISUAL ART.			
	Relative merits of works of art can be qualitatively and quantitatively assessed using observable criteria.	1.4.2.B.1	Observe the basic arts elements in performances and exhibitions and use them to formulate objective assessments of artworks in dance, music, theatre, and visual art.	
	Constructive criticism is an important evaluative tool that enables artists to communicate more effectively.	1.4.2.B.2	Apply the principles of positive critique in giving and receiving responses to performances.	
	Contextual clues are embedded in works of art and provide insight into artistic intent.	1.4.2.B.3	Recognize the main subject or theme in works of dance, music, theatre, and visual art.	
5	<b>NOTE:</b> By the end of <a href="#">grade 5</a> , ALL students demonstrate <a href="#">BASIC LITERACY</a> in the following content knowledge and skills in DANCE, MUSIC, THEATRE, and VISUAL ART.			
	Identifying criteria for evaluating performances results in deeper understanding of art and art-making.	1.4.5.B.1	Assess the application of the elements of art and principles of design in dance, music, theatre, and visual artworks using observable, objective criteria.	
	Decoding simple contextual clues requires evaluation mechanisms, such as rubrics, to sort fact from opinion.	1.4.5.B.2	Use evaluative tools, such as rubrics, for self-assessment and to appraise the objectivity of critiques by peers.	
	While there is shared vocabulary among the four arts disciplines of dance, music, theatre, and visual art, each also has its own <a href="#">discipline-specific arts terminology</a> .	1.4.5.B.3	Use discipline-specific arts terminology to evaluate the strengths and weaknesses of works of dance, music, theatre, and visual art.	
	Levels of proficiency can be assessed through analyses of how artists apply the elements of art and principles of design.	1.4.5.B.4	Define technical proficiency, using the elements of the arts and <a href="#">principles of design</a> .	
	Artists and audiences can and do disagree about the relative merits of artwork. When assessing works of dance, music, theatre and visual art, it is important to consider the context for the creation and performance of the work (e.g., Who was the	1.4.5.B.5	Distinguish ways in which individuals may disagree about the relative merits and effectiveness of artistic choices in the creation and performance of works of dance, music, theatre, and visual art.	

	creator? What purpose does the artwork serve? Who is the intended audience?).		
8	<b>NOTE:</b> By the end of <a href="#">grade 8</a> , all students demonstrate <a href="#">COMPETENCY</a> in the following content knowledge and skills for their required area of specialization in DANCE, MUSIC, THEATRE, or VISUAL ART.		
	Assessing a work of art without critiquing the artist requires objectivity and an understanding of the work's content and form.	1.4.8.B.1	Evaluate the effectiveness of a work of art by differentiating between the artist's technical proficiency and the work's content or form.
	Visual fluency is the ability to differentiate formal and informal structures and objectively apply observable criteria to the assessment of artworks, without consideration of the artist.	1.4.8.B.2	Differentiate among basic formal structures and technical proficiency of artists in works of dance, music, theatre, and visual art.
	Universal elements of art and principles of design apply equally to artwork across cultures and <a href="#">historical eras</a> .	1.4.8.B.3	Compare and contrast examples of archetypal subject matter in works of art from diverse cultural contexts and historical eras by writing critical essays.
12	<b>NOTE:</b> By the end of <a href="#">grade 8</a> , all students demonstrate <a href="#">PROFICIENCY</a> in the following content knowledge and skills for their required area of specialization in DANCE, MUSIC, THEATRE, or VISUAL ART.		
	Archetypal subject matter exists in all cultures and is embodied in the formal and informal aspects of art.	1.4.12.B.1	Formulate criteria for arts evaluation using the principles of positive critique and observation of the elements of art and principles of design, and use the criteria to evaluate works of dance, music, theatre, visual, and multimedia artwork from diverse cultural contexts and <a href="#">historical eras</a> .
	The cohesiveness of a work of art and its ability to communicate a theme or narrative can be directly affected by the artist's technical proficiency as well as by the manner and physical context in which it is performed or shown.	1.4.12.B.2	Evaluate how an artist's technical proficiency may affect the creation or presentation of a work of art, as well as how the context in which a work is performed or shown may impact perceptions of its significance/meaning.
	Art and art-making reflect and affect the role of technology in a global society.	1.4.12.B.3	Determine the role of art and art-making in a global society by analyzing the influence of technology on the visual, performing, and multimedia arts for consumers, creators, and performers around the world.



## GLOSSARY

**Archetypal work of art:** An artwork that epitomizes a genre of art.

**Art genres:** Artworks that share characteristic approaches to content, form, style, and design. Each of the four arts disciplines is associated with different genres.

**Art media:** Artistic methods, processes, or means of expression (e.g., presentation mechanisms such as screen, print, auditory, or tactile modes) used to produce a work of art.

**Art medium(s):** Any material or technique used for expression in art. In art, “medium” refers to the physical substance used to create artwork. Types of materials include clay, pencil, paint, and others.

**Artistic processes:** For example, expressionism, abstractionism/nonobjectivism, realism, naturalism, impressionism, and others.

**Balance:** For example, in dance, complementary positions that are on or off the vertical, horizontal, or transverse axes.

**Basic Literacy:** A level of achievement that indicates a student meets or exceeds the K-5 arts standards. Basic Literacy is attained when a student can:

- (1) Respond to artworks with empathy.
- (2) Understand that artwork reflects historical, cultural, and aesthetic perspectives.
- (3) Perform in all four arts disciplines at an age-appropriate level.
- (4) Draw similarities within and across the arts disciplines.

**Body patterning:** For example, in dance, unilateral movement, contra-lateral movement, upper/lower body coordination, or standing or moving on two feet vs. one foot during movement patterns.

**Characteristics of a well-made play:** Inciting incident, confrontation, rising action, climax, dénouement, and resolution.

**Choreographic structures:** For example, AB, ABA, canon, call and response, narrative, rondo, palindrome, theme, variation, and others.

**Competency:** A level of achievement that indicates a student meets or exceeds the K-8 arts standards. Competency is attained when a student can:

- (1) Respond to artworks with developing understanding, calling upon acquaintance with works of art from a variety of cultures and historical periods.
- (2) Perceive artworks from structural, historical, cultural, and aesthetic perspectives.

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- (3) Perform in a chosen area of the arts with developing technical ability, as well as the ability to recognize and conceive solutions to artistic problems.
- (4) Understand how various types of arts knowledge and skills are related within and across the arts disciplines.

**Compound meter:** A time signature in which each measure is divided into three or more parts, or two uneven parts, calling for the measures to be played with principles, and with subordinate metric accents causing the sensation of beats (e.g.,  $5/4$  and  $7/4$  time, among others).

**Consummate works of art:** Expertly articulated concepts or renderings of artwork.

**Discipline-specific arts terminology:** Language used to talk about art that is specific to the arts discipline (dance, music, theatre, or visual art) in which it was created.

**Ear training and listening skill:** The development of sensitivity to relative pitch, rhythm, timbre, dynamics, form, and melody, and the application of sight singing/reading or playing techniques, diction/intonation, chord recognition, error detection, and related activities.

**Effort Actions:** “Effort actions,” or more accurately “incomplete effort actions,” specifically refers to nomenclature from Laban Movement Analysis—perhaps the most commonly employed international language of dance. The term refers to any of eight broad classifications or categories of movement: gliding, floating, dabbing, flicking, slashing, thrusting, pressing, and wringing. Each effort action has a specific relationship to the elements of dance (i.e., time, space, and energy) and is paired with another effort action (gliding & floating, dabbing & flicking, slashing & thrusting, pressing & wringing).

**Elements of art:** The compositional building blocks of visual art, including line, color, shape, form, texture, and space.

**Elements of dance:** The compositional building blocks of dance, including time, space, and energy.

**Elements of music:** The compositional building blocks of music, including texture, harmony, melody, and rhythm.

**Elements of theatre:** The compositional building blocks of theatre, including but not limited to plot, character, action, spectacle, and sound.

**Exemplary works:** Works representing genres of art that may be examined from structural, historical, and cultural perspectives.

**Formalism:** The concept that a work’s artistic value is entirely determined by its form—the way it is made, its purely visual aspects, and its medium. The context for the work is of secondary importance. Formalism predominated Western art from the late 1800s to the 1960s.

**Historical eras in the arts:** Artworks that share distinct characteristics and common themes associated with a period of history.

**Home tone:** The first or key tone of any scale; the same as the tonic.

**Kinesthetic awareness:** Spatial sense.

**Kinesthetic principles:** Principles having to do with the physics of movement, such as work, force, velocity, and torque.

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**Locomotor and non-locomotor movements:** Locomotor movements involve travel through space (e.g., walking, running, hopping, jumping, leaping, galloping, sliding, skipping), while non-locomotor movements are performed within a personal kinesphere and do not travel through space (e.g., axial turns).

**Media Arts:** For example, television, film, video, radio, and electronic media.

**Mixed meter:** Measures of music in which the upper numerator is divisible by three such as  $6/8$  or  $9/8$  time.

**Movement affinities:** The execution of dance phrases with relation to music. Dancers tend toward either *lyricism* (using the expressive quality of music through the full extension of the body following the accented beat), or *bravura* dancing (in which the dancer tends to accent the musical beat). Both are technically correct, but are used in different circumstances.

**Musical families:** The categorization of musical instruments according to shared physical properties, such as strings, percussion, brass, or woodwinds.

**Music composition:** Prescribed rules and forms used to create music, such as melodic line and basic chordal structures, many of which are embedded in electronic music notation programs, and which can apply equally to improvised and scored music.

**New art media and methodologies:** Artistic works that have a technological component, such as [digital art](#), [computer graphics](#), [computer animation](#), [virtual art](#), computer robotics, and others.

**Orff instruments:** Precursors to melodic musical instruments, such as hand drums, xylophones, metalliphones, wood blocks, triangles, and others.

**Ostinato:** A short melodic phrase persistently repeated by the same voice or instrument.

**Physical and vocal skills:** For example, articulation, breath control, projection, body alignment.

**Principles of design:** Balance, proportion, rhythm, emphasis, and unity.

**Proficiency:** A level of achievement that indicates a student meets or exceeds the K-12 arts standards. Proficiency is attained when a student can:

- (1) Respond to artworks with insight and depth of understanding, calling upon informed acquaintance with exemplary works of art from a variety of cultures and historical periods.
- (2) Develop and present basic analyses of artworks from structural, historical, cultural, and aesthetic perspectives, pointing to their impact on contemporary modes of expression.
- (3) Perform in a chosen area of the arts with consistency, artistic nuance, and technical ability, defining and solving artistic problems with insight, reason, and technical proficiency.
- (4) Relate various types of arts knowledge and skills within and across the arts disciplines, by mixing and matching competencies and understandings in art-making, history, culture, and analysis in any arts-related project.

**Sensory recall:** A technique actors commonly employ to heighten the believability of a character, which involves using sense memory to inform their choices.

**Technical proficiency and artistry in dance performance:** Works executed with clarity, musicality, and stylistic nuance that exhibit sound anatomical and kinesthetic principles.

**Technical theatrical elements:** Technical aspects of theatre, such as lighting, sets, properties, and sound.

**Theatrical genres:** Classifications of plays with common characteristics. For example, classical plays, post modern drama, commedia dell' arte, historical plays, restoration comedy, English renaissance revenge plays, and others.

**Utilitarian and non-utilitarian art:** Art may be functional (i.e., utilitarian) or decorative (i.e., non-utilitarian).

**Visual communication:** The sharing of ideas primarily through visual means—a concept that is commonly associated with two-dimensional images. Visual communication explores the notion that visual messages have power to inform, educate or [persuade](#). The success of visual communication is often determined by measuring the audience's comprehension of the artist's intent, and is not based aesthetic or artistic preference. In the era of electronic communication, the importance of visual communication is heightened because visual displays help users understand the communication taking place.

**Visual literacy:** The ability to understand subject matter and the meaning of visual artworks within a given cultural context; the ability to communicate in a wide array of art media and express oneself in at least one visual discipline.

**Vocal placement:** The physical properties and basic anatomy of sound generated by placing the voice in different parts of the body, such as a head voice and chest voice.