

Art Curriculum Map: Grades 4-6 (September - June)

Month	Grade Level	Project	Materials	Learning Goals	NY State Learning Standards	Assessment
September	4th Grade	<i>Intro to Elements of Art</i>	Sketchbooks, pencils, erasers	Understand and apply the basic elements of art (line, shape, color, value, form, texture, space).	VA .2.4a, VA .1.4a, VA .1.4a	Sketchbook review, class participation
	5th Grade	<i>Exploring Color Theory</i>	Color wheels, paints, brushes, paper	Explore primary, secondary, and tertiary colors. Understand color relationships.	VA .1.5a, VA .2.5a	Completed color wheel, class discussion
	6th Grade	<i>Drawing from Observation</i>	Pencils, charcoal, erasers, drawing paper	Develop observational drawing skills. Focus on proportion, perspective, and shading.	VA .1.6a, VA .2.6a	Completed observational drawing, peer feedback
October	4th Grade	<i>Self-Portrait Collage</i>	Colored paper, magazines, scissors, glue, markers	Explore identity through self-portraiture. Learn about proportions.	VA .1.4a, VA .1.4a, VA .2.4a	Self-portrait collage, self-assessment
	5th Grade	<i>Still Life Painting</i>	Acrylic paints, brushes, canvas panels	Understand composition, light, and shadow in still life. Practice painting techniques.	VA .1.5a, VA .2.5a, VA .1.5a	Still life painting, rubric-based evaluation
	6th Grade	<i>Ceramic Coil Pots</i>	Clay, clay tools, kiln, glazes	Learn about form, function, and cultural significance of pottery. Develop hand-building techniques.	VA .1.6a, VA .1.6a, VA .1.6a	Completed coil pot, process reflection

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November	4th Grade	<i>Nature-Inspired Prints</i>	Leaves, paint, rollers, paper	Explore printmaking techniques using natural elements. Develop an understanding of positive and negative space.	VA .2.4a, VA .1.4a, VA .1.4a	Series of prints, peer feedback
	5th Grade	<i>Perspective Drawing</i>	Rulers, pencils, erasers, drawing paper	Understand one-point perspective. Apply principles to create depth in drawings.	VA .1.5a, VA .1.5a, VA .1.5a	Perspective drawing, teacher evaluation
	6th Grade	<i>Artist Study: Pablo Picasso</i>	Books, internet research, sketch materials	Study the work of Picasso. Create art inspired by Cubism.	VA .2.6a, VA .1.6a, VA .2.6a	Research presentation, Cubism-inspired artwork
December	4th Grade	<i>Holiday-Themed Crafts</i>	Construction paper, glue, scissors, decorative materials	Learn about different cultural holiday traditions through crafts.	VA .1.4a, VA .1.4a	Completed craft projects, class participation
	5th Grade	<i>Clay Relief Sculptures</i>	Clay, clay tools, glazes, kiln	Understand relief sculpture. Develop three-dimensional art skills.	VA .1.5a, VA .1.5a	Completed relief sculpture, rubric-based evaluation
	6th Grade	<i>Watercolor Landscapes</i>	Watercolors, brushes, watercolor paper	Explore watercolor techniques. Understand landscape composition.	VA .1.6a, VA .1.6a	Completed landscape, peer critique
January	4th Grade	<i>Abstract Art Exploration</i>	Oil pastels, paper	Experiment with abstract art techniques. Explore color and form in non-	VA .1.4a, VA .1.4a	Abstract artwork, student reflection

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February	5th Grade	<i>Mixed Media Collage</i>	Magazines, fabric, glue, paper, markers	representational ways. Combine different materials to create a cohesive artwork. Explore texture and composition.	VA .2.5a, VA .2.5a	Completed collage, group critique
	6th Grade	<i>Pop Art Poster Design</i>	Markers, poster board, collage materials	Study Pop Art movement. Create posters inspired by Pop Art style.	VA .2.6a, VA .1.6a	Completed poster, peer and teacher evaluation
	4th Grade	<i>Symmetrical Mask Design</i>	Paper plates, paint, feathers, markers, decorative items	Understand symmetry in art. Create masks inspired by cultural traditions.	VA .1.4a, VA .1.4a	Completed mask, self-assessment
	5th Grade	<i>Figure Drawing</i>	Charcoal, newsprint, pencils, erasers	Learn about human proportions. Develop figure drawing skills.	VA .1.5a, VA .2.5a	Figure drawing series, teacher feedback
	6th Grade	<i>Ceramic Mosaic</i>	Ceramic tiles, (or cardboard) glue, grout, wood panels	Understand mosaic techniques. Explore pattern and color in three-dimensional art.	VA .1.6a, VA .1.6a	Completed mosaic, process reflection
	March	4th Grade	<i>Recycled Art Sculpture</i>	Recycled materials, glue, scissors	Explore sustainability in art. Create sculptures using recycled materials.	VA .1.4a, VA .1.4a
	5th Grade	<i>Animal Sculpture</i>	Clay, wire, papier-mâché, paint	Study animal anatomy. Create sculptures based on animals, focusing on form and texture.	VA .1.5a, VA .2.5a	Completed animal sculpture, teacher evaluation

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April	6th Grade	<i>Linear Perspective Cityscapes</i>	Rulers, pencils, erasers, drawing paper	Develop advanced perspective drawing skills. Create cityscapes using two-point perspective.	VA .1.6a, VA .1.6a	Completed cityscape, rubric-based assessment
	4th Grade	<i>Introduction to Textiles</i>	Fabric scraps, needles, thread, fabric markers	Learn basic textile techniques such as sewing and weaving. Create simple textile projects.	VA .1.4a, VA .1.4a	Completed textile project, peer review
	5th Grade	<i>Cultural Art Project</i>	Various materials (depending on culture studied)	Study art from a specific culture. Create art inspired by that culture.	VA .1.5a, VA .2.5a	Cultural art project, class presentation
	6th Grade	<i>Portraiture in Charcoal</i>	Charcoal, erasers, drawing paper	Develop advanced skills in portraiture using charcoal. Focus on light, shadow, and emotion.	VA .1.6a, VA .2.6a	Completed portrait, teacher and peer critique
	4th Grade	<i>Clay Animal Sculptures</i>	Clay, clay tools, glazes, kiln	Explore animal forms in sculpture. Develop skills in three-dimensional art.	VA .1.4a, VA .1.4a	Completed animal sculpture, self-assessment
	5th Grade	<i>Mixed Media Self-Portraits</i>	Paint, collage materials, markers, paper	Create self-portraits using various media. Explore personal identity through art.	VA .2.5a, VA .1.5a	Completed self-portrait, process journal
6th Grade	<i>Environmental Art Project</i>	Found objects, natural materials, glue	Create art inspired by the environment. Explore the relationship between art and nature.	VA .1.6a, VA .1.6a	Environmental art piece, group critique	

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June	4th Grade	<i>Art Exhibition Preparation</i>	Selected works from the year, display materials	Prepare artwork for Fine Arts Festival. Learn about curation and presentation.	VA .1.6a, VA .1.6a	Exhibition participation, presentation skills evaluation
	5th Grade	<i>End-of-Class Art displays</i>	Select completed projects	Reflect on the Quarter's work. Prepare three works showcasing students' best projects.	VA .1.5a, VA .1.5a	Personal Art presentation, rubric-based evaluation
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