



Art Curriculum

Summary of Changes for Grades K-12

The proposed *Art Curriculum* has followed the established curriculum revision process outlined in [AR 910](#). Research and review of the Art Curriculum began in the fall of 2023, and curriculum writers began writing the curriculum in the summer of 2024. The standards listed in the curriculum are the [National Core Arts Standards](#) and the [Alaska Arts Standards](#).

Elementary

- The format was changed for the elementary curriculum.
- The long artist biographies at the end of each grade level were removed and will be added to the appendix. These biographies were shortened and placed in the Grade Level Artists table.

Middle School

- New course – Art Concepts was developed using the sixth grade curriculum from the adopted Elementary Art Curriculum.

High School

- Essential Topics, which are covered in every high school art course, were removed from individual courses and placed at the beginning of the high school curriculum. This includes the eight studio habits of mind and four essential learnings (creating, presenting, responding, and connecting).
- For all courses with two semesters, the course overview states that semester one must be completed before taking semester two.
- Alaska Native Arts clarifies that students may also be introduced to non-Indigenous Alaskan artists.
- Art Workshop may be used for a beginning level through a level four, capstone course.

Course Title Changes:

- Art I: 2D was changed to Beginning 2D Art
- Art II: 2D was changed to Intermediate 2D Art
- Art III: 2D was changed to Advanced 2D Art
- Art I: 3D was changed to Beginning 3D Art
- Art II: 3D was changed to Intermediate 3D Art
- Art III: 3D was changed to Advanced 3D Art