

Visual Arts

Kindergarten:

Envision and Critique to Reflect:

Notice and discuss what can be seen in works of visual art and design.

Recognize that explorative play with materials can inspire ideas for visual art and design.

Invent and Discover to Create:

Investigate the properties of materials to support the planning and making of works of art.

• Investigate various properties of tools and materials.

Relate and Connect to Transfer:

Recognize that artists and designers contribute and connect to their communities.

• Recognize how art is integrated into their everyday life.

1st Grade

Observe and Learn to Comprehend:

Investigate how visual art and design tell the many stories of people, places or things.

• Identify how works of art express specific feelings using the language of visual art and design.

Envision and Critique to Reflect:

Investigate how visual art and design tell the many stories of people, places or things.

• Discuss the stories portrayed in a personal work of art.

Invent and Discover to Create:

Investigate the properties of materials to support the planning and making of works of art to communicate

Choose art media to express ideas and feelings

Relate and Connect to Transfer:

Identify how artists and designers make connections through personal stories between self, family and friends

• Identify how stories in visual art and design teach us about each other.

2nd Grade:

Observe and Learn to Comprehend

Identify how artists make choices using the language of visual art and design to communicate ideas.

Determine what art vocabulary is useful when discussing works of art and design

Envision and Critique to Reflect:

Share and explain choices made and possible next steps in personal works of visual art and design.

- Describe how artists reflect on their creative practice to improve works of visual art and design
- Use the language of visual art and design to describe observations and form opinions

Invent and Discover to Create:

Plan and create works of art by exploring various media and creating meaning through symbolization

Explain choices made in the artmaking process.

Relate and Connect to Transfer:

Observe and discuss how visual art and design are evident in the everyday life of communities.

- Recognize how visual art and design is interdisciplinary
- Investigate the role of art and design in our communities and world.

3rd Grade:

Observe and Learn to Comprehend

Investigate works of art and design to recognize how to create meaning with purpose and intent

- Identify historical and cultural ideas evident in works of visual art and design.
- Use the language of visual art and design as a tool to help determine artistic intent

Envision and Critique to Reflect:

Demonstrate an understanding of how intent and purpose are informed by research and experimentation

• Use peer feedback to inform next steps and improve works of art and design

Synthesize ideas about personal works of art and imagine possible next steps.

Demonstrate understanding of how research inspires development of ideas

Invent and Discover to Create:

Plan and create works of visual art and design recognizing various purposes and intentions.

- Demonstrate how working collaboratively can enhance the artistic process
- Demonstrate understanding of how experimentation helps develop making with purpose and intent

Relate and Connect to Transfer:

Recognize how works of visual art and design communicate meaning both within a community and between diverse cultures

• Investigate how visual art and design can make connections between subjects, disciplines or events

4th Grade:

Observe and Learn to Comprehend

Uncover how artistic intent can be enhanced through the use of the language of visual art and design

• Suggest alternative ways an artist could have communicated an idea

Respond to an artist's point of view being mindful of historical, contemporary and cultural context

• Recognize how the human experience is expressed in diverse ways

Envision and Critique to Reflect:

Interpret and evaluate personal work and the work of others with informed criteria

• Discuss and define how to determine appropriate criteria for a given work of art.

Synthesize researched and visual information to imagine, inform and plan possible next steps in personal artmaking.

• Research from multiple sources to inspire works of visual art and design.

Invent and Discover to Create:

Investigate ideas of personal interest to plan and create works of visual art and design

- Generate multiple ideas in order to select the idea that best communicates intended meaning.
- Communicate a plan for completing works of visual art and design.

Utilize media in traditional and inventive ways to communicate personal intent

- Problem-solve and persist to determine the outcome of a final product
- Prepare works of visual art and design for presentation.

Relate and Connect to Transfer:

Investigate and discuss how diverse communities address issues relevant to their culture, place and times.

• Identify and describe how visual art and design communicate meaning between any subject, discipline, event or issue

5th Grade:

Observe and Learn to Comprehend

Investigate and analyze how specific points of view can be communicated through the language of visual art and design

• Investigate how artists communicate points of view through personal works of art based on lived experiences.

Demonstrate an understanding of how works of visual art and design are influenced by the culture of daily life.

• Observe and discuss how visual art and design exist in a shared contemporary world.

Envision and Critique to Reflect:

Using a variety of criteria, question and evaluate works of art.

- Support collaborative dialogue to analyze and evaluate one's own work and that of others
- Reflect on how intended meaning influences the artmaking process.

Visualize intended meaning and determine a method of planning that best supports personal artmaking.

• Reflect on how problem-solving drives the creative process

Invent and Discover to Create:

Plan works of visual art and design where intended meaning is communicated to viewers

• Discuss with others to determine if intended meaning was effectively communicated.

Apply an understanding of art processes and studio skills to create works of art and design

- Revise works of visual art and design to improve ideas
- Justify choices made during the artistic process that resulted in the finished work of art and design.

Relate and Connect to Transfer:

Using interdisciplinary knowledge, investigate and interpret how diverse communities address issues relevant to their place and times

Discuss how art reflects diverse social values and beliefs.

6th Grade:

Observe and Learn to Comprehend

Apply the language of visual art and design to distinguish and differentiate meanings

• Develop from oneself and various cultures a mental storehouse of images and the uses, symbolism and meaning of those images

Compare art from various historical, contemporary and cultural sources

• Describe and discuss the general characteristics of a work of art from various historical time periods

Utilize key concepts, issues and themes to connect the visual arts to other disciplines

• Create works of art using skills from other disciplines

Envision and Critique to Reflect:

Describe, analyze and interpret works of art using specific art vocabulary

• Describe and analyze works of art using the language of visual art and design.

Invent and Discover to Create:

Plan the creation of a work of art utilizing feedback

• Use feedback from peers to plan and create works of art

Explore various media, materials and techniques used to create works of visual art and design

- Recognize and utilize the individual characteristics of each medium
- Create and display works of art using a wide variety of contemporary and available media

Relate and Connect to Transfer:

Infer from works of visual art and design, using interdisciplinary knowledge, how diverse communities address issues relevant to their culture, place and times

• Explain and create works of art that incorporate everyday life, traditions, customs and special events

7th Grade:

Observe and Learn to Comprehend

Analyze works of art and apply the language of visual art and design to infer meaning

. Apply the language of visual art and design to describe the aesthetic value of works of art

Recognize and interpret works of art through the lens of time, place and culture

• Examine and articulate works of art that communicate significant cultural beliefs or sets of values

Employ concepts, issues and themes from other disciplines to solve visual arts problems

• Incorporate key concepts, issues and themes from other disciplines into works of art.

Envision and Critique to Reflect:

Determine meaning from works of art and design using visual literacy skills such as interpretation, negotiation, appreciation and selection

• Explain and justify the visual elements artists use to express ideas in specific works of art

Invent and Discover to Create:

Plan, anticipate outcomes and use feedback to grow as an artist

• Generate works of art based on selected themes or anticipated goals

Demonstrate technical skills and processes to achieve desired results.

• Create works of art from observation, photographs and stored mental images adding personal interpretations.

Relate and Connect to Transfer:

Investigate how artists, designers and scholars narrate their social context

• Design and create works of art using images, words and symbols that illustrate personal community or culture

Identify where the visual arts and artistic thinking are present in the real world.

Discuss and explain how the visual arts are an integral part of popular culture

Communicate messages about societal problems through the creative process.

• Create and display a work of art based on a selected social issue

8th Grade:

Observe and Learn to Comprehend

Interpret works of art using the language of visual art and design and conceptual art frameworks

• Describe and justify the specific elements in a work of art using the language of visual art and design

Synthesize and evaluate how time, culture and artistic style relates to contemporary art concerns

• Incorporate personal life experiences through aesthetic responses to works of art.

Apply key concepts, issues and themes of the visual arts to solve problems using real-world

• Produce individual or group works of art that incorporate various multidisciplinary key concepts, issues and themes to solve visual problems

Envision and Critique to Reflect:

Utilize visual literacy skills to establish personal meaning and interpret the artistic intent of others.

• Develop a statement of purpose for a work of art in written, verbal or digital format.

Analyze, interpret and make informed judgments about works of art using different points of view

• Interpret artistic styles, trends and movements in various contexts

Invent and Discover to Create:

Demonstrate technical proficiency and craftsmanship in the creative process

• Create works of art with attention to technique and craft.

Demonstrate technical skills and processes to achieve desired results.

• Create works of art from observation, photographs and stored mental images adding personal interpretations.

Relate and Connect to Transfer:

Interpret the ways individual makers become agents that express the interdependent relationship between art, culture and social contexts

• Compare how various cultures and communities honor, memorialize and celebrate life events.

Discern and articulate the impact arts, design and creativity have on a variety of lifelong endeavors.

• Explore and evaluate ways that artistic thinking is used to solve problems

Demonstrate an understanding that art can be a vehicle for social change

• Create and display a work of art that persuades the viewer to take action as a participant in a democratic society

High School:

Observe and Learn to Comprehend

Utilize the inquiry method of observation and the language of visual art and design to gather information and determine meaning

- . Connect and compare information gathered through observation in order to articulate the human experience
- Critically analyze the origins of visual art and design across cultures.

Interpret, analyze and explain the influence of multiple contexts found in visual art and design

- Analyze visual art and design traditions to understand the influence of historical and cultural context on works of art and design
- Connect unexplored works of visual art and design to the lives of students.

Use artmaking processes as forms of inquiry to increase independent reasoning and perception skills to increase knowledge

- Critically analyze selection of materials that inform conceptualization and expression of ideas and aesthetic experience.
- Investigate and articulate the aims of disparate art practices to foster critical thinking about visual art and design

Envision and Critique to Reflect:

Use criteria and personal discernment to evaluate works of art and design, taking into consideration the variables that influence how the work is perceived.

- Determine how knowledge gained from critique may affect the creation or modification of an existing or new work of art
- Utilize critique to analyze and interpret existing or new works of art and apply new learning to the creation or modification of an artwork

Articulate a personal philosophy of art, understanding various philosophies that have come before

- Synthesize research, theory and practice to envision the creation of an artwork
- Develop and defend a personal philosophy of art using informed criteria.

Examine the nature of diverse aesthetic experiences to build a language of representation that can be used to respond to the world.

- Interpret how meaning in works of art are related to the materials and process chosen by the artist
- Recognize how different criteria create contexts that influence the evaluation and assessment of visual works of art and design
- Discuss and debate how society has come to value some works of art over others

Invent and Discover to Create:

Establish a practice of planning and experimentation to advance concepts and technical skills

- Practice techniques and improve skills by testing media to consider constraints and potential of materials
- Create works of art representing personal narratives that use traditional and contemporary media

Ideate and build works of art and design to demonstrate growth and proficiency in traditional and new art media.

- Master skills in a variety of media and techniques to create personally meaningful works of art
- Resolve artmaking problems by persisting through failure and making revisions

Articulate and demonstrate that the making and study of art and design can be approached from a variety of perspectives

- Identify how interpretation can be an essential part of the artmaking process to evaluate progress
- Receive and reflect upon feedback and integrate into artwork as needed

Relate and Connect to Transfer:

Research and analyze the ways visual artists, designers and scholars express personal views and beliefs and how these perspectives have a social context that enlarges the meaning of an artwork beyond the individual maker

- Research and debate viewpoints found in a variety of resources that focus on and discuss visual art and design
- Analyze and evaluate how works of art previously created across time and culture can influence the work of practicing artists today.

Develop proficiency in visual communication skills that extends learning to new contexts

• Transfer and integrate concepts and skills to inform innovative ideas and solutions

Utilize the practice of artmaking, and research historical and cultural contexts, to discern between different viewpoints, critique social problems and effect social change

- Demonstrate autonomous meaning-making and problem-solving skills to create works that reveal agency in thinking
- Work collaboratively to share knowledge and apply learning in new and unexpected contexts.
- Engage in curating processes that invoke social, cultural and potential discourse.