

Teaching Unit: **Visual Arts Literacy**
Essential Understandings

It's important to understand and be able to demonstrate concepts, skills, terminology and processes for the creation of artwork.

Sub Topic: **Purpose, Elements, Principles,**

Knowledge and Skills

Students will research and explain how art and artists reflect and influence culture and periods of time taking the Elements and Principles of art, skills, terminology and processes into consideration.

Teaching Unit: **CREATION & EXPRESSION**
Essential Understandings

Art students create, express, and communicate through their art work.

Sub Topic: **Media Skills, Composition, Making**

Knowledge and Skills

Students will choose among different tools and techniques while using the Elements and Principles of Art to create original art works.

Students will create a variety of art work that has meaning for them.

Teaching Unit: **CREATIVE PROBLEM SOLVING**
Essential Understandings

Problem solving in art can be approached by using multiple solutions and the creative process.

Sub Topic: **The Creative Process**

Knowledge and Skills

Students will apply and analyze creative problem solving and creative thinking skills to improve or vary their art work.

Teaching Unit: **AESTHETICS AND CRITICISM**
Essential Understandings

Art forms can be analyzed, evaluated and interpreted.

Sub Topic: **Aesthetics, Criticism**

Knowledge and Skills

Students will learn to analyze, interpret and evaluate art work using art terminology and their knowledge of processes.

Teaching Unit: **ARTS CONNECTIONS**

Essential Understandings

It is important to make connections among the arts, history and world cultures and understand their relationships.

There are connections to be made between the arts and other disciplines.

Goal setting leads to success in the arts.

Career and life decisions include the recognition that the arts are means of renewal and recreation.

Positive interpersonal skills bring personal success in the arts.

Sub Topic: **History, World Cultures, Other**

Knowledge and Skills

Students will make a connection between art and history and understand similar concepts across disciplines.

Students will begin to use the arts for recreational purposes.

Students will set goals and demonstrate positive interpersonal skills to impact success in the arts.