



Visual Art Standards

GRADE: K

Big Idea: CRITICAL THINKING AND REFLECTION

Enduring Understanding 1: Cognition and reflection are required to appreciate, interpret, and create with artistic intent.

BENCHMARK CODE	BENCHMARK
VA.K.C.1.1	Create and share personal works of art with others.
	Related Access Point(s)
	VA.K.C.1.In.a Create personal works of art.
	VA.K.C.1.Pa.a Attend to images and media for artwork.
	VA.K.C.1.Su.a Explore images and media for artwork.

Enduring Understanding 2: Assessing our own and others' artistic work, using critical-thinking, problem-solving, and decision-making skills, is central to artistic growth.

BENCHMARK CODE	BENCHMARK
VA.K.C.2.1	Describe personal choices made in the creation of artwork.
	Related Access Point(s)
	VA.K.C.2.In.a Create personal works of art.
	VA.K.C.2.Pa.a Attend to images and media for artwork.
	VA.K.C.2.Su.a Explore images and media for artwork.
VA.K.C.2.2	Identify media used by self or peers.
	Related Access Point(s)
	VA.K.C.2.In.a Create personal works of art.
	VA.K.C.2.Pa.a Attend to images and media for artwork.
	VA.K.C.2.Su.a Explore images and media for artwork.

Big Idea: SKILLS, TECHNIQUES, AND PROCESSES

Enduring Understanding 1: The arts are inherently experiential and actively engage learners in the processes of creating, interpreting, and responding to art.

BENCHMARK CODE	BENCHMARK
VA.K.S.1.1	Explore art processes and media to produce artworks.
	Related Access Point(s)
	VA.K.S.1.In.a Recognize basic art processes and media.
	VA.K.S.1.Pa.a Attend to basic art processes and media.
	VA.K.S.1.Su.a Explore basic art processes and media.
VA.K.S.1.2	Produce artwork influenced by personal decisions and ideas.
	Related Access Point(s)
	VA.K.S.1.In.b Create artwork that communicates awareness of self.
	VA.K.S.1.Pa.b Attend to images for artwork.
	VA.K.S.1.Su.b Explore ideas and images for artwork.

Enduring Understanding 2: Development of skills, techniques, and processes in the arts strengthens our ability to remember, focus on, process, and sequence information.

BENCHMARK CODE	BENCHMARK
VA.K.S.2.1	Develop artistic skills through the repeated use of tools, processes, and media. e.g., media-specific techniques, eye-hand coordination, fine-motor skills
	Related Access Point(s)
	VA.K.S.2.In.a Recognize basic art tools and media.
	VA.K.S.2.Su.a Explore basic art tools and media.
	VA.K.S.2.Pa.a Attend to basic art tools and media.

Enduring Understanding 3: Through purposeful practice, artists learn to manage, master, and refine simple, then complex, skills and techniques.

BENCHMARK CODE	BENCHMARK
VA.K.S.3.1	Develop skills and techniques to create with two- and/or three- dimensional media.
	Related Access Point(s)
	VA.K.S.3.In.a Explore a variety of visual art tools and media.
	VA.K.S.3.Pa.a Attend to a variety of visual art media.
	VA.K.S.3.Su.a Explore a variety of visual art media.
VA.K.S.3.2	Practice skills to develop craftsmanship.
	Related Access Point(s)
	VA.K.S.3.In.a Explore a variety of visual art tools and media.
	VA.K.S.3.Pa.a Attend to a variety of visual art media.
	VA.K.S.3.Su.a Explore a variety of visual art media.
VA.K.S.3.3	Handle art tools and media safely in the art room.

	Related Access Point(s)
	VA.K.S.3.In.a Explore a variety of visual art tools and media.
	VA.K.S.3.Pa.a Attend to a variety of visual art media.
	VA.K.S.3.Su.a Explore a variety of visual art media.
VA.K.S.3.4	Identify artwork that belongs to others and represents their ideas.
	Related Access Point(s)
	VA.K.S.3.In.a Explore a variety of visual art tools and media.
	VA.K.S.3.Pa.a Attend to a variety of visual art media.
	VA.K.S.3.Su.a Explore a variety of visual art media.

Big Idea: ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

Enduring Understanding 1: Understanding the organizational structure of an art form provides a foundation for appreciation of artistic works and respect for the creative process.

BENCHMARK CODE	BENCHMARK
VA.K.O.1.1	Explore the placement of the structural elements of art in personal works of art.
	Related Access Point(s)
	VA.K.O.1.In.a Explore basic structural elements of art.
	VA.K.O.1.Pa.a Attend to a variety of visual art.
	VA.K.O.1.Su.a Explore a variety of visual art.

Enduring Understanding 2: The structural rules and conventions of an art form serve as both a foundation and departure point for creativity.

BENCHMARK CODE	BENCHMARK
VA.K.O.2.1	Generate ideas and images for artworks based on memory, imagination, and experiences.
	Related Access Point(s)
	VA.K.O.2.In.a Generate ideas and images for artwork that communicate awareness of self.
	VA.K.O.2.Pa.a Attend to images for artwork.
	VA.K.O.2.Su.a Explore ideas and images for artwork.

Enduring Understanding 3: Every art form uses its own unique language, verbal and non-verbal, to document and communicate with the world.

BENCHMARK CODE	BENCHMARK
VA.K.O.3.1	Create works of art to document experiences of self and community.
	Related Access Point(s)
	VA.K.O.3.In.a Recognize and use structural elements of art.
	VA.K.O.3.Pa.a Attend to basic structural elements of art.

	VA.K.O.3.Su.a Explore basic structural elements of art.
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Big Idea: HISTORICAL AND GLOBAL CONNECTIONS

Enduring Understanding 1: Through study in the arts, we learn about and honor others and the worlds in which they live(d).

BENCHMARK CODE	BENCHMARK
VA.K.H.1.1	Describe art from selected cultures and places.
	Related Access Point(s)
	VA.K.H.1.In.a Respond to visual art from selected cultures and places.
	VA.K.H.1.Pa.a Attend to visual art in activities and environments.
	VA.K.H.1.Su.a Explore visual art from selected cultures and places.
VA.K.H.1.2	Follow directions for suitable behavior in an art audience.
	Related Access Point(s)
	VA.K.H.1.Pa.a Attend to visual art in activities and environments.
	VA.K.H.1.Su.b Attend respectfully to artwork of others.
	VA.K.H.1.In.b Demonstrate awareness of appropriate audience etiquette.
VA.K.H.1.3	Explain how art-making can help people express ideas and feelings.
	Related Access Point(s)
	VA.K.H.1.Pa.a Attend to visual art in activities and environments.
	VA.K.H.1.Su.c Explore a variety of visual art.
	VA.K.H.1.In.c Respond to a variety of visual art.

Enduring Understanding 2: The arts reflect and document cultural trends and historical events, and help explain how new directions in the arts have emerged.

BENCHMARK CODE	BENCHMARK
VA.K.H.2.1	Compare selected artworks from various cultures to find differences and similarities.
	Related Access Point(s)
	VA.K.H.2.In.a Respond to the visual art of diverse cultures and historical periods.
	VA.K.H.2.Pa.a Attend to visual art in activities and environments.
	VA.K.H.2.Su.a Explore the visual art of diverse cultures and historical periods.
VA.K.H.2.2	Explore everyday objects that have been designed and created by artists.
	Related Access Point(s)
	VA.K.H.2.In.b Explore visual art in common activities and environments.
	VA.K.H.2.Pa.b Attend to a variety of visual art.
	VA.K.H.2.Su.b Attend to visual art in common activities and environments.
VA.K.H.2.3	Describe where artwork is displayed in school or other places.
	Related Access Point(s)

	VA.K.H.2.In.b Explore visual art in common activities and environments.
	VA.K.H.2.Pa.b Attend to a variety of visual art.
	VA.K.H.2.Su.b Attend to visual art in common activities and environments.

Enduring Understanding 3: Connections among the arts and other disciplines strengthen learning and the ability to transfer knowledge and skills to and from other fields.

BENCHMARK CODE	BENCHMARK
VA.K.H.3.1	Express ideas related to non-art content areas through personal artworks.
	Related Access Point(s)
	VA.K.H.3.In.a Explore different representations of familiar themes in visual art.
	VA.K.H.3.Pa.a Attend to visual art.
	VA.K.H.3.Su.a Respond to visual art representations of familiar themes.

Big Idea: INNOVATION, TECHNOLOGY, AND THE FUTURE

Enduring Understanding 1: Creating, interpreting, and responding in the arts stimulate the imagination and encourage innovation and creative risk-taking.

BENCHMARK CODE	BENCHMARK
VA.K.F.1.1	Experiment with art media for personal satisfaction and perceptual awareness.
VA.K.F.1.2	Identify real and imaginary subject matter in works of art.

Enduring Understanding 2: Careers in and related to the arts significantly and positively impact local and global economies.

BENCHMARK CODE	BENCHMARK
VA.K.F.2.1	Describe where art ideas or products can be found in stores.
	Related Access Point(s)
	VA.K.F.2.In.a Recognize visual art in the environment.
	VA.K.F.2.Pa.a Attend to sensory stimulation related to visual art.
	VA.K.F.2.Su.a Attend to visual art in the environment.

Enduring Understanding 3: The 21st-century skills necessary for success as citizens, workers, and leaders in a global economy are embedded in the study of the arts.

BENCHMARK CODE	BENCHMARK
VA.K.F.3.1	Create artwork that communicates an awareness of self as part of the community.
	Related Access Point(s)
	VA.K.F.3.In.a Use a variety of visual art media to create artwork that communicates awareness of self.
	VA.K.F.3.Pa.a Attend to a variety of visual art media.
	VA.K.F.3.Su.a Explore a variety of visual art media.