

K-12

BALANCED VISUAL ARTS INSTRUCTION

In the Cobb County School District, Visual Arts instruction engages all learners in the artistic process of self-expression through creating, responding, presenting, and connecting. Learners are empowered as creators, problem solvers, and communicators who think critically and connect globally.

CREATING

- Students visualize and generate ideas for creating art while considering options and assessing results.
- Students engage in the creative process to plan and produce artworks through research, experimentation, practice, and persistence.
- Students understand and apply media, techniques, processes, and correct use of tools and equipment in the production of 2D and 3D works of art.
- Students experiment with traditional and contemporary artistic practices to communicate meaning.

RESPONDING

- Students demonstrate understanding of artworks using the elements of art and the principles of design.
- Students consider historical and cultural contexts when analyzing artworks.
- Students respond individually and collaboratively to personal works of art and the artworks of others, developing visual literacy through art criticism.

CONNECTING

- Students discover relationships between works of art and communities and cultures throughout the world.
- Students integrate information from other disciplines to inform the planning and production of works of art.
- Students establish and refine artistic voice through the investigation of historical and contemporary cultural contexts.
- Students develop life skills, including collaboration, creativity, critical thinking, and communication, through the study and production of artworks.

PRESENTING

- Students communicate the purpose and intent of artworks through the development of artist statements.
- Students curate a portfolio or collection of finished works.
- Students plan, prepare, and present works of art for exhibition in school, community, and virtual environments.

VISUAL ARTS FOUNDATIONAL CONCEPTS

K-12 Visual Arts instruction teaches the skillful use of media, tools, and technology to explore creative ideas and concepts. The creative process is implemented in all stages of artmaking, from ideation to exhibition. The Elements of Art and Principles of Design are understood through real world application and interdisciplinary connections which reveal the impact of the Visual Arts in daily life. Creative thinking and problem solving are essential to the production of effective visual communication benefiting all individuals as they perceive, navigate, and interact with the world.

