

ACTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

**VISUAL ARTS CURRICULUM
GRADE ONE**

**MASSACHUSETTS ARTS CURRICULUM FRAMEWORKS:
THE ARTS DISCIPLINES STRAND**

Students learn about and use the symbolic language of visual arts.

PreK-12 Standard 1: Media, Materials, and Techniques

Students will demonstrate knowledge of the media, materials, and techniques unique to the visual arts.

Collage

- Review term “collage.”
- Reinforce care and use of collage materials and routines in art room.
- Review cutting, tearing, gluing with paper.
- Explore use of various papers and manipulative processes, such as hole punching, edger scissors, in making a collage.

Suggested Collage Artists and Resources, K-6

- Eric Carle, Lois Elhert, Hans Arp, Romare Bearden, Henri Matisse

Drawing

- Reinforce care and use of drawing materials and routines in art room.
- Reinforce various drawing tools: pencils, crayons, markers, oil pastels, sharpie markers, tracers, templates, rulers.
- Reinforce term “2-dimensional.”
- Explore various drawing tools/techniques, such as pencils, erasers, crayons, oil pastels, markers, chalk, sharpie markers.
 - ~ Practice how to fill up paper.
 - ~ Practice looking and drawing.
 - ~ Practice applying variety of pressure to obtain light/dark value.
- Draw from observation, memory, and imagination (continually reinforce these three concepts).

Suggested Drawing Artists and Resources, K-6

- Van Gogh, Kathe Kollwitz, W. Theibaud, Kandinsky, Matisse, Calder, Rousseau, DaVinci, Paul Klee
- “Harold & the Purple Crayon,” “When a Line Bends a Shape Begins”

Sculpture

- Reinforce term “3-dimensional.”
- Reinforce care and use of sculpture materials in art room.
- Reinforce techniques of building and construction of objects.
- Reinforce clay: hand working – pinch, press, roll, squeeze, working from a solid.
- Explore modeling clay.
- Reinforce paper sculpture techniques – folding, ways of connecting.
- Explore paper sculpture.

Suggested Sculpture Artists and Resources, K-6

- Henri Moore, Barbara Hepworth, Jim Dine, Calder, David Smith, Louise Nevelson, George Segal, Giacometti, Oldenburg
- Ancient relief sculptures

Painting

- Reinforce care and basic use of painting materials and routines in art room.
- Reinforce painting and its tools (tempera cakes, watercolor).
- Reinforce color wheel.
- Reinforce primary and secondary colors and mixing colors.
- Explore painting and mixing colors.
- Explore sponge painting (optional).

Suggested Painting Artists and Resources, K-6

- Arthur Dove, Georgia O’Keefe, Faith Ringgold, Harold Pippin, Picasso

Printmaking

- Introduce process of making a print (transferring an image).
- Introduce care and use of basic printmaking materials and routines in art.
- Explore stamping.

Suggested Printmaking Artists and Resources, K-6

- Hiroshige, Edvard Munch, Andy Warhol

Fibers

- Introduce paper weaving (paper looms).
- Introduce terms “weave,” “warp,” “weft.”

PreK-12 Standard 2: Elements and Principles of Design

Students will demonstrate knowledge of the elements and principles of design.

Elements

Color

- Reinforce primary colors.
- Reinforce secondary colors.
- Introduce warm/cool colors.

Line

- Use and identify a variety of line in the environment and in artwork.
- Use line to:
 - ~ Create pattern.
 - ~ Define shape.

Texture

- Become familiar with tactile and visual texture in environment and in artwork.
- Create tactile (actual) texture.

Shape and Form

- Recognize difference between shape (2D) and form (3D) in environment and in artwork.
- Explore use of shapes/forms of different sizes.

Space

- Introduce background.
- Introduce overlapping.

Principles

Composition

- Reinforce pattern/repetition.
- Demonstrate an understanding of pattern/repetition in artwork.
- Create artwork that demonstrates an understanding of repetition/pattern.

Balance

- Identify symmetry in artwork and in environment.

Pattern

- Identify and use combinations of lines, colors, shapes, to create repetition.

PreK-12 Standard 3: Observation, Abstraction, Invention, and Expression

Students will demonstrate their powers of observation, abstraction, invention, and expression in a variety of media, materials, and techniques.

- Create artwork from direct observation.
- Create artwork from memory and imagination.

PreK-12 Standard 4: Drafting, Revising, and Exhibiting

Students will demonstrate knowledge of the processes of creating and exhibiting artwork: drafts, critique, self-assessment, refinement, and exhibit preparation.

- Select one or more work(s) of art created during the year and discuss it/them with a parent, classmate, or teacher, explaining how the work was made.

PreK-12 Standard 5: Critical Response

Students will describe and analyze their own work and the work of others, using appropriate visual arts vocabulary.

When appropriate, students will connect their analysis to interpretation.

- In the course of making and viewing art, learn ways of discussing it, such as by making a list of the images seen in an art work and by identifying kinds of color, line, texture, shapes, and forms in the work.
- Classify artworks into general categories, such as drawing, painting, collage, sculpture.

CONNECTIONS STRANDS
HISTORY, CRITICISM, AND LINKS TO OTHER DISCIPLINES

Students learn about the history and criticism of visual arts and architecture, their role in the community, and their links to other disciplines.

PreK-12 Standard 6: Purposes and Meanings in the Arts

Students will continue to discuss the meaning/purposes of art and changes throughout history.

Questions

- Why do we make art?
- How is art an integral part of everyday life?
- What is the artist trying to say?
- Who made this, and why?
- How does this work make me feel?

PreK-12 Standard 7: Roles of Artists in Communities

Students will continue to discuss:

- How artists create their work by investigating and talking about the lives and works of artists through a variety of means, including: viewing prints, films, DVDs, pod-casts, online resources, or interacting with guest artists.
- The conditions under which artists work and exhibit.
- The roles of artists in different societies and periods of history (e.g., painters, sculptors, craftspeople, architects, illustrators, printmakers, product designers).

PreK-12 Standard 8: Concepts of Style, Stylistic Influence, and Stylistic Change

Through the use of print, film and online resources, students will continue to be exposed to a variety of artists from past and present cultures, different styles, and movements in art.

- Folk Art
- Pop Art
- Abstract Expressionism
- Realism
- Surrealism

PreK-12 Standard 9: Inventions, Technologies, and the Arts

Students will make connections to previous learning in art, and other content areas in the curriculum where appropriate.

- Science – creating environments, observing and drawing from nature
- Math – symmetry, grid drawing, perspective, origami, tessellations
- Language – written evaluation of own works and/or works of others, written artist statements, visual
- Inventories – written and verbal

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PreK-12 Standard 10: Interdisciplinary Connections

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