

# **Archdiocese of Philadelphia Secondary School System Visual Arts Standards**

**The Catholic school community** strives to make its faith commitment a complement to academic excellence by developing a curriculum that leads all students to Christ as it prepares them for a successful life in the twenty-first century. It is a curriculum that recognizes the sanctity of each human life while affirming the dignity of each person as a unique creation of God. It is a curriculum that is intended to offer all students the opportunity to study the world at many levels of complexity, through a variety of courses.

## **Vision Statement**

The arts are essential to the human spirit. They inspire, they elevate, they bring out the potential to create. They are a binding force in a world separated by distrust and prejudice. We firmly believe that every child has a right to an arts education, be it through music, visual art, theater or dance. Through the arts students can experience that which is basic to their humanity: the ability to create, to express, and to appreciate the beauty of God's creation, the masterpiece of which is themselves.

## **General Standards**

Schools of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia shall teach, challenge, and support every student to realize his/her maximum potential and to acquire the knowledge and skill to:

- ◆ Recognize and express the Christian and Catholic identity through the creation of the arts
- ◆ Experience the joy of creating and the fulfillment of achievements through the visual arts
- ◆ Communicate ideas, feelings and attitudes through the visual arts
- ◆ Recognize and apply the elements and principles of art to further develop skill and knowledge in two dimensional and three dimensional work
- ◆ Be aware of and understand the visual arts in various cultures and civilizations
- ◆ Explore concepts and solve problems by connecting knowledge of the visual arts with other disciplines
- ◆ Utilize various technologies analogous to arts education

## **Secondary Fine Arts**

### **Visual Arts**

**1. Students will recognize and express the Christian and Catholic identity through the creation of the arts.**

#### **Content Standards**

- 1.1 Students will be aware of Christianity through the history of art.
- 1.2 Students will design and create works that communicate Christian/Catholic ideas.
- 1.3 Students will be able to understand past and present works of art that reflect and impact on Christianity.

#### **Competency Standards**

- 1.1.1 Students will be able to identify Christian works of art.
- 1.2.1 Students will be able to recognize and appreciate the value of art in Christianity.

**2. Students will experience the joy of creating and the fulfillment of achievements through the visual arts.**

#### **Content Standards**

- 2.1 Students will explore their creative potential through processes.
- 2.2 Students will expose their work to their peers and community.

#### **Competency Standards**

- 2.1.1 Students will experiment with a variety of media.
- 2.2.1 Students will create each piece as if it were exhibition material.
- 2.2.2 Students will understand how to prepare and present their work for exhibition.

### **3. Students will communicate ideas, feelings, and attitudes through the visual arts.**

#### Content Standards

- 3.1 Students will create original works that reflect their feelings through knowledge, skills and design issues using appropriate media, tools, techniques, processes and technology.
- 3.2 Students will present written or oral knowledge assessments of one's own work and the work of others.
- 3.3 Students will learn to differentiate between subjective and objective critique

#### Competency Standards

- 3.1.1 Students will produce work that reflects the lessons taught.
- 3.2.1 Students will be able to participate in a critique.

### **4. Students will recognize and apply the elements and principles of art to further develop skill and knowledge in two dimensional and three dimensional work.**

#### Content Standards

- 4.1 Students will study original art to increase their understanding.
- 4.2 Students will understand the characteristics of various media.
- 4.3 Students will use appropriate media, tools, techniques, processes, and technology to produce quality two dimensional and three dimensional products.
- 4.4 Students will explore career possibilities in the visual arts.

#### Competency Standards

- 4.1.1 Students will make media choices appropriate to their subject.
- 4.2.1 Students will explain the use of different media.
- 4.3.1 Students will identify the medium used in an original piece of art and the process that they went through to create it.

## **5. Students will be aware of and understand the visual arts in various cultures and civilizations.**

### Content Standards

- 5.1 Students will develop an understanding of the personal cultural forces that shape artistic communication.
- 5.2 Students will understand how the arts shape the diverse cultures of past and present society.
- 5.3 Students will learn about the styles, symbols, themes, and subject matter of different cultures.
- 5.4 Students will discuss how past and present works of art reflect and impact on societies and cultures.

### Competency Standards

- 5.1.1 Students will identify and produce a work that reflects the art of another culture.
- 5.2.1 Students will explain, discuss, and demonstrate appropriate behaviors in varied arts and cultural settings.
- 5.3.1 Students will identify the impact of art on the people and development of the time period studied.
- 5.4.1 Students will explore art to understand the social, cultural, and environmental dimensions of human society by taking advantage of community opportunities and cultural institutions.

## **6. Students will explore concepts and solve problems by connecting knowledge of the visual arts with other disciplines.**

### Content Standards

- 6.1 Students will incorporate artistic interest with other academic endeavors.
- 6.2 Students will develop their visual perception skills to improve their aesthetic values so that they may connect to other disciplines and life.

### Competency Standards

- 6.1.1 Students will use all their academic knowledge to solve artistic problems.
- 6.1.2 Students will manipulate tools and accessories of various technologies.
- 6.2.1 Students will identify and demonstrate how art impacts and reflects all other subject areas.