VDOE-Virginia Department of Education
Visual Art-Standards of Learning Strands

Visual Communication and Production

Students will use the art-making process to develop and communicate ideas, images, and themes in works of art. They will develop fluency in visual communication, as well as verbal and written communication, using art vocabulary and concepts. Through art production, students will express meaning and values in two-dimensional and three-dimensional art forms and gain respect for their own work and the work of others. Students will demonstrate safe and ethical practices when using art materials, tools, techniques, and processes.

Art History and Cultural Context

By investigating works of art from different times and places, students will develop an understanding that art and culture shape and reflect each other. Through the study of works of art and the people who created them, students will understand the role of visual arts in communicating diverse cultural beliefs and ideas.

Analysis, Evaluation, and Critique

Students will examine works of art and make informed judgments about them based on established visual arts criteria. Through the understanding of visual arts concepts and processes, students will be able to use a variety of strategies to analyze the visual qualities and interpret the meanings of works of art. They will also employ critical evaluation skills in creating and exhibiting their works of art.

Aesthetics

Students will analyze and reflect on their personal responses to the expressive and communicative qualities of works of art. They will understand that their personal backgrounds, knowledge, and experiences influence their perceptions of works of art. Through the examination of issues related to the visual arts, students will draw conclusions and reflect on the nature, meaning, and value of art, based on their dual roles as creators and viewers of art. They will learn to recognize the difference

between personal opinion and informed judgment when reflecting on, discussing, and responding to visual imagery.