Visual Arts

Introduction

Philosophy and Rationale for the Arts

The arts are essential in education and they provide students with a means to think, feel, and understand the world in unique ways. The meta-cognitive skills learned through instruction in the arts fosters effective work habits, creativity and innovation, critical thinking and problem solving, communication, and collaboration, each of which transfers across content areas preparing students for life in the 21st century.

These revised Nevada Academic Content Standards for Fine Arts are to guide districts and schools as they create elective coursework encompassing five disciplines: Visual Arts, Music, Theater, Dance, and Media Arts, predicated on a belief that Artistic Literacy provides students with an ability to create, present, critique, and connect art to their academic studies, lives, and the world around them. While all schools may not offer coursework in each discipline, these standards exemplify a growing body of work that allows students to fully realize artistic attitudes and apply this learning to college, career, and community life goals.

The 2017-2018 Nevada Academic Content Standards for Fine Arts have substantive changes from those previously adopted to better respond to the needs of the field, including the following:

- 1. Creating four (4) strands to better represent the idea of artistic literacy. The four strands are: Creating, Presenting, Responding, and Connecting.
- 2. The creation of Anchor standards under each of the strands to provide consistency across the disciplines and the presentation of standards across content, disciplines, and grade levels.
- 3. Grade by grade level standards for each discipline, including three (3) levels at high school to allow for greater differentiation of instruction and to support student learning.
- 4. The inclusion of media arts standards to support the integration of artistic literacy in the areas of film, animation, gaming and computational artmaking (e.g., writing software code) to supplement existing standards in the area of digital communications across the curriculum.

Interpretation Guide to Reading the Standards:

Strand	Strand	Strand	Strand
Creating (Cr) - Conceiving and developing new artistic work and ideas.	Presenting (Pr) - Realizing artistic ideas and work through interpretation and presentation.	Responding (Re) - Understanding and evaluating how the arts convey meaning.	Connecting Cn) - Relating artistic ideas and work with personal meaning and external context.
Anchor Standard 1. Generate and conceptualize artistic ideas and work.	Anchor Standard 4. Analyze, interpret and select artistic work for presentation.	Anchor Standard 7. Perceive and analyze artistic work.	Anchor Standard 10. Synthesize and relate knowledge and personal experiences to make art.
Anchor Standard 2. Organize and develop artistic ideas and work.	Anchor Standard 5. Develop and refine artistic work for presentation.	Anchor Standard 8. Interpret intent and meaning in artistic work.	Anchor Standard 11. Relate artistic ideas and work with societal, cultural, and historical context to deepen understanding.
Anchor Standard 3. Refine and complete artistic work.	Anchor Standard 6. Convey meaning through the presentation of artistic work.	Anchor Standard 9. Apply criteria to evaluate artistic work.	

Visual Arts: Kindergarten

Strand	Anchor	Standard
Creating: Conceiving	1. Generate and	VA:Cr1.K.1 Engage in exploration and imaginative
and developing new	conceptualize artistic ideas	play with materials.
artistic ideas and work.	and work.	VA:Cr1.K.2 Engage collaboratively in creative art-
		making in response to an artistic problem.
	2. Organize and develop	VA:Cr2.K.1 Through experimentation, build skills in
	artistic ideas and work.	various media and approaches to art-making.
		VA:Cr2.K.2 Identify safe and non-toxic art materials,
		tools, and equipment.
		VA:Cr2.K.3 Create art that represents natural and
		constructed environments.
	3. Refine and complete	VA:Cr3.K.1 Explain the process of making art while
	artistic work.	creating.
Presenting: Realizing	4. Select, analyze, and	VA:Pr4.K.1 Select art objects for personal portfolio
artistic work through	interpret artistic work for	and display, explaining why they were chosen.
interpretation and	presentation.	
presentation.	·	
	5. Develop and refine artistic	VA:Pr5.K.1 Identify reasons for saving and displaying
	techniques and work for	objects, artifacts, and artwork.
	presentation.	VA:Pr5.K.2 Explain the purpose of a portfolio or
	presentation.	collection.
	6. Convey meaning through	VA:Pr6.K.1 Explain what an art museum is and
	the presentation of artistic	distinguish how an art museum is different from
	work.	other buildings.
Responding:	7. Perceive and analyze	VA:Re7.K.1 Identify various types of art and their
Understanding and	work.	uses within one's personal environment.
evaluating how the arts	WOIK.	VA:Re7.K.2 Describe what an image represents.
convey meaning.		VA.Re7.R.2 Describe what all image represents.
convey meaning.	8. Interpret intent and	VA:Re8.K.1 Interpret art by identifying subject
	meaning in artistic work.	matter and describing relevant details.
	9. Apply criteria to evaluate	VA:Re9.K.1 Explain reasons for selecting a preferred
	artistic work.	artwork.
Connecting: Relating	10. Apply and relate	VA:Cn10.K.1 Create art that tells a story about a life
artistic ideas and work	knowledge and personal	experience.
with personal meaning	experiences to make art.	experience.
and external context.	experiences to make art.	
and external context.	11. Relate artistic ideas and	VA:Cn11.K.1 Identify a purpose of an artwork.
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	works with societal, cultural,	
	and historical context to	
	deepen understanding.	

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Creating: Conceiving and developing new artistic ideas and work.	Generate and conceptualize artistic ideas and work.	VA:Cr1.1.1 Engage collaboratively in exploration and imaginative play with materials. VA:Cr1.1.2 Use observation and investigation in preparation for making a work of art.
	2. Organize and develop artistic ideas and work.	VA:Cr2.1.1 Explore uses of materials and tools to create works of art or design. VA:Cr2.1.2 Demonstrate safe and proper procedures for using materials, tools, and equipment while making art. VA:Cr2.1.3 Identify how art and design influences our interactions with everyday objects.
	3. Refine and complete artistic work.	VA:Cr3.1.1 Use art vocabulary to describe choices while creating art.
Presenting: Realizing artistic work through interpretation and presentation.	4. Select, analyze, and interpret artistic work for presentation.	VA:Pr4.1.1 Select art objects for personal portfolio and display, explaining why they were chosen based on perceived value.
	5. Develop and refine artistic techniques and work for presentation.	VA:Pr5.1.1 Ask and answer questions such as where, when, why, and how artwork from their portfolio will be presented.
	6. Convey meaning through the presentation of artistic work.	VA:Pr6.1.1 Identify the roles and responsibilities of people who work in and visit museums and other art venues.
Responding: Understanding and evaluating how the arts convey meaning.	7. Perceive and analyze work.	VA:Re7.1.1 Select and describe works of art that illustrate daily life experiences of one's self and others. VA:Re7.1.2 Compare images that represent the same subject.
	8. Interpret intent and meaning in artistic work.	VA:Re8.1.1 Interpret art by categorizing subject matter and identifying the characteristics of media and composition.
	9. Apply criteria to evaluate artistic work.	VA:Re9.1.1 Classify artwork based on different reasons for preferences.
Connecting: Relating artistic ideas and work with personal meaning and external context.	10. Apply and relate knowledge and personal experiences to make art.	VA:Cn10.1.1 Identify times, places, and reasons by which students make art outside of school.
	11. Relate artistic ideas and works with societal, cultural, and historical context to deepen understanding.	VA:Cn11.1.1 Identify a variety of reasons why people from different places and times have made art.

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Creating: Conceiving	1. Generate and	VA:Cr1.2.1 Brainstorm collaboratively multiple
and developing new	conceptualize artistic ideas	approaches to an art or design problem.
artistic ideas and work.	and work.	VA:Cr1.2.2 Make art or design with various materials
		and tools to explore personal interests, questions,
		and curiosity.
	2. Organize and develop	VA:Cr2.2.1 Experiment with various materials and
	artistic ideas and work.	tools to explore personal interests in a work of art or
		design.
		VA:Cr2.2.2 Demonstrate safe procedures for using
		and cleaning art tools, equipment, and studio spaces.
		VA:Cr2.2.3 Repurpose objects to make something
	2.2.6	new.
	3. Refine and complete	VA:Cr3.2.1 Discuss and reflect with peers about
Droconting, Dealising	artistic work.	choices made in creating artwork.
Presenting: Realizing	4. Select, analyze, and	VA:Pr4.2.1 Categorize artwork based on a theme or
artistic work through	interpret artistic work for	concept for a portfolio or exhibit.
interpretation and	presentation	
presentation.	5. Develop and refine artistic	VA:Pr5.2.1 Distinguish between different materials or
	techniques and work for	artistic techniques for preparing artwork for portfolio,
	presentation.	presentation and preservation.
	6. Convey meaning through	VA:Pr6.2.1 Analyze how art exhibited inside and
	the presentation of artistic	outside of schools (such as in museums, galleries,
	work.	virtual space, and other venues) contributes to
		communities.
Responding:	7. Perceive and analyze	VA:Re7.2.1 Perceive and describe aesthetic
Understanding and	work.	characteristics of one's natural world and constructed
evaluating how the arts		environments.
convey meaning.		VA:Re7.2.2 Categorize images based on expressive
		properties.
	8. Interpret intent and	VA:Re8.2.1 Interpret art by identifying the mood
	meaning in artistic work.	suggested by a work of art and describing relevant
		subject matter and characteristics of media and
	O Apply principle	composition.
	9. Apply criteria to evaluate	VA:Re9.2.1 Apply art vocabulary to express
Connection, Deletine	artistic work.	preferences about artwork.
Connecting: Relating artistic ideas and work	10. Apply and relate	VA:Cn10.2.1 Create works of art about events in
with personal meaning	knowledge and personal experiences to make art.	home, school, or community life.
and external context.	experiences to make art.	
and external context.	11. Relate artistic ideas and	VA:Cn11.2.1 Compare and contrast cultural uses of
	works with societal, cultural,	artwork from different times and places.
	and historical context to	artwork from amercint times and places.
	deepen understanding.	

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Creating: Conceiving and developing new artistic ideas and work.	Generate and conceptualize artistic ideas and work.	VA:Cr1.3.1 Elaborate on an imaginative idea. VA:Cr1.3.2 Apply knowledge of available resources, tools, and technologies to investigate personal ideas through the art-making process.
	2. Organize and develop artistic ideas and work.	VA:Cr2.3.1 Create personally satisfying artwork using a variety of artistic processes and materials. VA:Cr2.3.2 Demonstrate an understanding of the safe and proficient use of materials, tools, and equipment for a variety of artistic processes. VA:Cr2.3.3 Individually or collaboratively construct representations of places of everyday life.
	3. Refine and complete artistic work.	VA:Cr3.3.1 Elaborate visual information by adding details in an artwork to enhance emerging meaning.
Presenting: Realizing artistic work through interpretation and presentation.	4. Select, analyze, and interpret artistic work for presentation.	VA:Pr4.3.1 Investigate and discuss possibilities and limitations of spaces, including electronic, for exhibiting artwork.
	5. Develop and refine artistic techniques and work for presentation.	VA:Pr5.3.1 Identify exhibit space and prepare works from the portfolio, including artists' statements, for presentation and preservation.
	6. Convey meaning through the presentation of artistic work.	VA:Pr6.3.1 Identify and explain how and where different cultures record and illustrate stories and history of life through art.
Responding: Understanding and evaluating how the arts convey meaning.	7. Perceive and analyze work.	VA:Re7.3.1 Speculate about processes an artist uses to create a work of art. VA:Re7.3.2 Determine messages communicated by an image.
	8. Interpret intent and meaning in artistic work.	VA:Re8.3.1 Interpret art by analyzing use of media to create subject matter, characteristics of form, and mood.
	9. Apply criteria to evaluate artistic work.	VA:Re9.3.1 Evaluate an artwork based on a given criteria.
Connecting: Relating artistic ideas and work with personal meaning and external context.	10. Apply and relate knowledge and personal experiences to make art.	VA:Cn10.3.1 Develop a work of art based on observations of surroundings.
	11. Relate artistic ideas and works with societal, cultural, and historical context to deepen understanding.	VA:Cn11.3.1 Recognize that responses to art change depending on knowledge of the time and place in which it was made.

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Creating: Conceiving	1. Generate and	VA:Cr1.4.1 Brainstorm multiple approaches to a
and developing new	conceptualize artistic ideas	creative art or design problem.
artistic ideas and work.	and work.	VA:Cr1.4.2 Collaboratively set goals and create
		artwork that is meaningful and has purpose to the
		makers.
	2. Organize and develop	VA:Cr2.4.1 Explore and invent art-making techniques
	artistic ideas and work.	and approaches.
		VA:Cr2.4.2 When making works of art, utilize and
		care for materials, tools, and equipment in a manner
		that prevents danger to oneself and others.
		VA:Cr2.4.3 Document, describe, and represent
		regional constructed environments.
	3. Refine and complete	VA:Cr3.4.1 Revise artwork in progress on the basis of
	artistic work.	insights gained through peer discussion.
Presenting: Realizing	4. Select, analyze, and	VA:Pr4.4.1 Analyze how past, present, and emerging
artistic work through	interpret artistic work for	technologies have impacted the preservation and
interpretation and	presentation.	presentation of artwork.
presentation.		
	5. Develop and refine artistic	VA:Pr5.4.1 Organize portfolio content for
	techniques and work for	presentation and preservation.
	presentation.	VA:Pr5.4.2 Analyze the various considerations for
		presenting and protecting art in various locations, in
		temporary or permanent forms, and in physical or
		digital formats.
	6. Convey meaning through	VA:Pr6.4.1 Compare and contrast purposes of art
	the presentation of artistic	museums, art galleries, and other venues, as well as
	work.	the types of personal experiences they provide.
Responding:	7. Perceive and analyze	VA:Re7.4.1 Compare responses to a work of art
Understanding and	work.	before and after working in similar media.
evaluating how the arts		VA:Re7.4.2 Analyze components in visual imagery
convey meaning.		that convey messages.
	8. Interpret intent and	VA:Re8.4.1 Interpret art by referring to contextual
	meaning in artistic work.	information and analyzing relevant subject matter,
		characteristics of form, and use of media.
	9. Apply criteria to evaluate	VA:Re9.4.1 Apply one set of criteria to evaluate
	artistic work.	more than one work of art.
Connecting: Relating	10. Apply and relate	VA:Cn10.4.1 Create works of art that reflect
artistic ideas and work	knowledge and personal	community cultural traditions.
with personal meaning	experiences to make art.	
and external context.	11.51.	
	11. Relate artistic ideas and	VA:Cn11.4.1 Through observation, infer information
	works with societal, cultural,	about time, place, and culture in which a work of art
	and historical context to	was created.
	deepen understanding.	

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Creating: Conceiving	1. Generate and	VA:Cr1.5.1 Combine ideas to generate an innovative
and developing new	conceptualize artistic ideas	idea for art-making.
artistic ideas and work.	and work.	VA:Cr1.5.2 Identify and demonstrate diverse
		methods of artistic investigation to choose an
		approach for beginning a work of art.
	2. Organize and develop	VA:Cr2.5.1 Experiment and develop skills in multiple
	artistic ideas and work.	art-making techniques and approaches through
		practice.
		VA:Cr2.5.2 Demonstrate quality craftsmanship
		through care for and use of materials, tools, and
		equipment.
		VA:Cr2.5.3 Identify, describe, and visually document
	3. Refine and complete	places and/or objects of personal significance.
	artistic work.	VA:Cr3.5.1 Create artist statements using art vocabulary to describe personal choices in art-
	artistic work.	making.
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Presenting: Realizing	4. Select, analyze, and	VA:Pr4.5.1 Define the roles and responsibilities of a
artistic work through	interpret artistic work for	curator, explaining the skills and knowledge needed
interpretation and	presentation.	in preserving, maintaining, and presenting objects,
presentation.		artifacts, and artwork.
	5. Develop and refine artistic	VA:Pr.5.5.1 Collaboratively select works from
	techniques and work for	student portfolios for curated presentation.
	presentation.	VA:Pr.5.5.2 Explore and prepare a plan for safe and
		effective methods for presentation of artwork in
		various environments.
	6. Convey meaning through	VA:Pr6.5.1 Identify ways how exhibition in a
	the presentation of artistic	museum or other venue presents ideas and provides
D P	work.	information about a specific concept or topic.
Responding:	7. Perceive and analyze	VA:Re7.5.1 Compare one's own interpretation of a
Understanding and	work.	work of art with the interpretation of others. VA:Re7.5.2 Identify and analyze cultural associations
evaluating how the arts		suggested by visual imagery.
convey meaning.	8. Interpret intent and	VA:Re8.5.1 Interpret art by analyzing characteristics
	meaning in artistic work.	of form and structure, contextual information,
	ineaning in artistic work.	subject matter, visual elements, and use of media to
		identify ideas and mood conveyed.
	9. Apply criteria to evaluate	VA:Re9.5.1 Recognize differences in criteria used to
	artistic work.	evaluate works of art depending on styles, genres,
		and media as well as historical and cultural contexts.
Connecting: Relating	10. Apply and relate	VA:Cn10.5.1 Apply formal and conceptual
artistic ideas and work	knowledge and personal	vocabularies of art and design to view surroundings in
with personal meaning	experiences to make art.	new ways through art-making.
and external context.		

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	11. Relate artistic ideas and works with societal, cultural, and historical context to	VA:Cn11.5.1 Identify how art is used to inform or change beliefs, values, or behaviors of an individual or society.
	deepen understanding.	

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Creating: Conceiving and developing new artistic ideas and work.	Generate and conceptualize artistic ideas and work.	VA:Cr1.6.1 Combine concepts collaboratively to generate innovative ideas for creating art. VA:Cr1.6.2 Formulate an artistic investigation of personally relevant content for creating art.
	2. Organize and develop artistic ideas and work.	VA:Cr2.6.1 Demonstrate openness in trying new ideas, materials, methods, and approaches in making works of art and design. VA:Cr2.6.2 Explain environmental implications of conservation, care, and clean-up of art materials, tools, and equipment. VA:Cr2.6.3 Design or redesign objects, places, or systems that meet the identified needs of diverse users.
	3. Refine and complete artistic work.	VA:Cr3.6.1 Reflect on whether personal artwork conveys the intended meaning and revise accordingly.
Presenting: Realizing artistic work through interpretation and presentation.	4. Select, analyze, and interpret artistic work for presentation.	VA:Pr4.6.1 Analyze similarities and differences associated with preserving and presenting two-dimensional, three-dimensional, and digital artwork.
	5. Develop and refine artistic techniques and work for presentation.	VA:Pr5.6.1 Individually or collaboratively, develop a visual plan for displaying works of art from portfolio, analyzing exhibit space, the needs of the viewer, and the layout of the exhibit.
	6. Convey meaning through the presentation of artistic work.	VA:Pr6.6.1 Assess, explain, and provide evidence of how museums or other venues reflect history and values of a community.
Responding: Understanding and evaluating how the arts convey meaning.	7. Perceive and analyze work.	VA:Re7.6.1 Identify and interpret works of art or design that reveal how people live around the world and what they value. VA:Re7.6.2 Analyze ways that visual components and cultural associations suggested by images influence ideas, emotions, and actions.
	8. Interpret intent and meaning in artistic work.	VA:Re8.6.1 Interpret art by distinguishing between relevant and non-relevant contextual information and analyzing subject matter, characteristics of form and structure, and use of media to identify ideas and mood conveyed.
	9. Apply criteria to evaluate artistic work.	VA:Re9.6.1 Develop and apply relevant criteria to evaluate a work of art.
Connecting: Relating artistic ideas and work with personal meaning and external context.	10. Apply and relate knowledge and personal experiences to make art.	VA:Cn10.6.1 Generate a collection of ideas reflecting current interests and concerns that could be investigated in artmaking.

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	11. Relate artistic ideas and works with societal, cultural, and historical context to	VA:Cn11.6.1 Analyze how art reflects changing times, traditions, resources, and cultural uses.
	deepen understanding.	

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Creating: Conceiving	1. Generate and	VA:Cr1.7.1 Apply methods to overcome creative
and developing new	conceptualize artistic ideas	blocks.
artistic ideas and work.	and work.	VA:Cr1.7.2 Develop criteria to guide making a work of
		art or design to meet an identified goal.
	2. Organize and develop	VA:Cr2.7.1 Demonstrate persistence in developing
	artistic ideas and work.	skills with various materials, methods, and
		approaches in creating works of art or design.
		VA:Cr2.7.2 Demonstrate awareness of ethical
		responsibility to oneself and others when posting and
		sharing images and other materials through the
		Internet, social media, and other communication
		formats.
		VA:Cr2.7.3 Apply visual organizational strategies to
		design and produce a work of art, design, or media
		that clearly communicates information or ideas.
	3. Refine and complete	VA:Cr3.7.1 Reflect on and explain important
	artistic work.	information about personal artwork in an artist
		statement or another format.
Presenting: Realizing	4. Select, analyze, and	VA:Pr4.7.1 Compare and contrast how technologies
artistic work through	interpret artistic work for	have changed the way artwork is preserved,
interpretation and	presentation	presented, and experienced.
presentation.		VA:Pr4.7.2 Develop a portfolio of works that convey
		personal meaning.
	5. Develop and refine artistic	VA:Pr5.7.1 Based on criteria, analyze and evaluate
	techniques and work for	methods for preparing and presenting art.
	presentation.	
	6. Convey meaning through	VA:Pr6.7.1 Compare and contrast viewing and
	the presentation of artistic	experiencing collections and exhibitions in different
	work.	venues.
Responding:	7. Perceive and analyze	VA:Re7.7.1 Explain how the method of display, the
Understanding and	work.	location, and the experience of an artwork influence
evaluating how the arts		how it is perceived and valued.
convey meaning.		VA:Re7.7.1 Analyze multiple ways that images
		influence specific audiences.
	8. Interpret intent and	VA:Re8.7.1 Interpret art by analyzing artmaking
	meaning in artistic work.	approaches, the characteristics of form and structure,
		relevant contextual information, subject matter, and
		use of media to identify ideas and mood conveyed.
	9. Apply criteria to evaluate	VA:Re9.7.1 Compare and explain the difference
	artistic work.	between an evaluation of an artwork based on
		personal criteria and an evaluation of an artwork
		based on a set of established criteria.
Connecting: Relating	10. Apply and relate	VA:Cn10.7.1 Individually or collaboratively create
artistic ideas and work	knowledge and personal	visual documentation of places and times in which

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with personal meaning	experiences to make art.	people gather to make and experience art or design
and external context.		in the community.
	11. Relate artistic ideas and	VA:Cn11.7.1 Analyze how response to art is
	works with societal, cultural,	influenced by understanding the time and place in
	and historical context to	which it was created, the available resources, and
	deepen understanding.	cultural uses.

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Creating: Conceiving and developing new artistic ideas and work.	Generate and conceptualize artistic ideas and work.	VA:Cr1.8.1 Document early stages of the creative process visually and/or verbally in traditional or new media. VA:Cr1.8.2 Collaboratively shape an artistic investigation of an aspect of present day life using a contemporary practice of art and design.
	2. Organize and develop artistic ideas and work.	VA:Cr2.8.1 Demonstrate willingness to experiment, innovate, and take risks to pursue ideas, forms, and meanings that emerge in the process of artmaking or designing. VA:Cr2.8.2 Demonstrate awareness of practices, issues, and ethics of appropriation, fair use, copyright, open source, and creative commons as they apply to creating works of art and design. VA:Cr2.8.3 Select, organize, and design images and words to make visually clear and compelling presentations.
	3. Refine and complete artistic work.	VA:Cr3.8.1 Apply relevant criteria to examine, reflect on, and plan revisions for a work of art or design in progress.
Presenting: Realizing artistic work through interpretation and presentation.	4. Select, analyze, and interpret artistic work for presentation.	VA:Pr4.8.1 Develop and apply criteria for evaluating a collection of artwork for presentation.
	5. Develop and refine artistic techniques and work for presentation.	VA:Pr5.8.1 Collaboratively prepare and present selected theme based artwork from portfolio for display, and formulate exhibition narratives for the viewer.
	6. Convey meaning through the presentation of artistic work.	VA:Pr6.8.1 Analyze why and how an exhibition or collection may influence ideas, beliefs, and experiences.
Responding: Understanding and evaluating how the arts convey meaning.	7. Perceive and analyze work.	VA:Re7.8.1 Explain how a person's aesthetic choices are influenced by culture and environment and impact the visual image that one conveys to others. VA:Re7.8.2 Compare and contrast contexts and media in which viewers encounter images that influence ideas, emotions, and actions.
	8. Interpret intent and meaning in artistic work.	VA:Re8.8.1 Interpret art by analyzing how the interaction of subject matter, characteristics of form and structure, use of media, artmaking approaches, and relevant contextual information contributes to understanding messages or ideas and mood conveyed.

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	9. Apply criteria to evaluate artistic work.	VA:Re9.8.1 Create a convincing and logical argument to support an evaluation of art.
Connecting: Relating artistic ideas and work with personal meaning and external context.	10. Apply and relate knowledge and personal experiences to make art.	VA:Cn10.8.1 Make art collaboratively to reflect on and reinforce positive aspects of group identity.
	11. Relate artistic ideas and works with societal, cultural, and historical context to deepen understanding.	VA:Cn11.8.1 Distinguish different ways art is used to represent, establish, reinforce, and reflect group identity.

Visual Arts: High School Proficient

Strand	Anchor	Standard
Creating: Conceiving and developing new	Generate and conceptualize artistic ideas	VA:Cr1.HS.1I Use multiple approaches to begin creative endeavors.
artistic ideas and work.	and work.	VA:Cr1.HS.2I Shape an artistic investigation of an aspect of present day life using a contemporary practice of art or design.
	2. Organize and develop artistic ideas and work.	VA:Cr2.HS.1I Develop art making skills and techniques while making/designing works of art comparing methods of spontaneous and deliberate design. VA:Cr2.HS.2I Explain how traditional and nontraditional materials may impact human health and the environment and demonstrate safe handling of materials, tools, and equipment. VA:Cr2.HS.3I Collaboratively develop a proposal for an installation, artwork, or space design that transforms the perception and experience of a particular place or idea.
	3. Refine and complete artistic work.	VA:Cr3.HS.1I Apply relevant criteria from traditional and contemporary cultural contexts to examine, reflect on, and plan revisions for works of art and design in progress. VA:Cr3.HS.2I Describe the implications of practices, issues, and ethics of appropriation, fair use, copyright, open source, and creative commons as they apply to creating works of art and design.
Presenting: Realizing artistic work through interpretation and presentation.	4. Select, analyze, and interpret artistic work for presentation.	VA:Pr4.HS.1I Analyze, select, and curate artifacts and/or artworks for portfolio, presentation and preservation.
	5. Develop and refine artistic techniques and work for presentation.	VA:Pr5.HS.1I Analyze and evaluate the reasons and ways an exhibition is presented.
	6. Convey meaning through the presentation of artistic work.	VA:Pr6.HS.1I Analyze and describe the impact that an exhibition or collection has on personal awareness of social, cultural, or political beliefs and understandings.
Responding: Understanding and evaluating how the arts convey meaning.	7. Perceive and analyze work.	VA:Re7.HS.1I Hypothesize ways in which art influences perception and understanding of human experiences. VA:Re7.HS.2I Analyze how one's understanding of the world is affected by experiencing visual imagery.
	8. Interpret intent and meaning in artistic work.	VA:Re8.HS.1I Interpret an artwork or collection of works supported by relevant and sufficient evidence

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	9. Apply criteria to evaluate artistic work.	found in the work and its various contexts. VA:Re9.HS.1I Establish relevant criteria in order to evaluate a work of art or collection of works.
Connecting: Relating artistic ideas and work with personal meaning and external context.	10. Apply and relate knowledge and personal experiences to make art.	VA:Cn10.HS.1I Document the process of developing ideas from early stages to fully elaborated ideas.
	11. Relate artistic ideas and works with societal, cultural, and historical context to deepen understanding.	VA:Cn11.HS.1I Describe how knowledge of culture, traditions, and history may influence personal responses to art.

Visual Arts: High School Accomplished

Strand	Anchor	Standard
Creating: Conceiving	1. Generate and	VA:Cr1.HS.1II Individually or collaboratively
and developing new	conceptualize artistic ideas	formulate new creative problems based on student's
artistic ideas and work.	and work.	existing artwork.
		VA:Cr1.HS.2II Plan personal artwork or design
		choosing from a range of materials and methods of
		traditional and contemporary artistic practices.
	2. Organize and develop	VA:Cr2.HS.1II Through experimentation, practice,
	artistic ideas and work.	and persistence, demonstrate acquisition of skills and
		knowledge in a chosen art form using various
		approaches.
		VA:Cr2.HS.2II Demonstrate awareness of ethical
		implications of making and distributing creative work.
		VA:Cr2.HS.3II Redesign an object, system, place, or
		design in response to contemporary issues.
	3. Refine and complete	VA:Cr3.HS.1II Engage in constructive critique with
	artistic work.	peers, then reflect on, reengage, revise, and refine
		works of art and design in response to personal
		artistic vision.
Presenting: Realizing	4. Select, analyze, and	VA:Pr4.HS.1II Examine, select, and justify personal
artistic work through	interpret artistic work for	artwork for a collection or portfolio presentation.
interpretation and	presentation.	
presentation.		
	5. Develop and refine artistic	VA:Pr5.HS.1II Evaluate, select, and apply methods or
	techniques and work for	processes appropriate to display artwork in a specific
	presentation.	place.
	6. Convey meaning through	VA:Pr6.HS.1II Make, explain, and justify connections
	the presentation of artistic	between artists or artwork and social, cultural, and
	work.	political history.
Responding:	7. Perceive and analyze	VA:Re7.HS.1II Recognize and describe personal
Understanding and	work.	aesthetic and empathetic responses to the natural
evaluating how the arts		world and constructed environments.
convey meaning.		VA:Re7.HS.2II Evaluate the effectiveness of an image
		or images to influence ideas, feelings, and behaviors
		of specific audiences.
	8. Interpret intent and	VA:Re8.HS.1II Identify types of contextual
	meaning in artistic work.	information useful in the process of constructing
		interpretations of an artwork or collection of works.
	9. Apply criteria to evaluate	VA:Re9.HS.1II Determine the relevance of criteria
	artistic work.	used by others to evaluate a work of art or collection
		of works.
Connecting: Relating	10. Apply and relate	VA:Cn10.HS.1II Utilize inquiry methods of
artistic ideas and work	knowledge and personal	observation, research, and experimentation to
with personal meaning	experiences to make art.	explore unfamiliar subjects through artmaking.
and external context.		

Strand	Anchor	Standard
	11. Relate artistic ideas and works with societal, cultural,	VA:Cn11.HS.1II Compare uses of art in a variety of societal, cultural, and historical contexts and make
	and historical context to deepen understanding.	connections to uses of art in contemporary and local contexts.

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Strand	Anchor	Standard
Creating: Conceiving	1. Generate and	VA:Cr1.HS.1III Visualize and hypothesize to generate
and developing new	conceptualize artistic ideas	plans for ideas and directions for creating art and
artistic ideas and work.	and work.	design that can affect social change.
		VA:Cr1.HS.2III Choose from a range of materials and
		methods of traditional and contemporary artistic
		practices, following or breaking established
		conventions, to plan the making of multiple works of
		art and design based on a theme, idea, or concept.
	2. Organize and develop	VA:Cr2.HS.III Experiment, plan, and make multiple
	artistic ideas and work.	works of art and design that explore a personally
		meaningful theme, idea, or concept.
		VA:Cr2.HS.2III Demonstrate understanding of the
		importance of balancing freedom and responsibility
		in the use of images, materials, tools, and equipment
		in the creation and circulation of creative work.
		VA:Cr2.HS.2III Demonstrate in works of art or design
		how visual and material culture defines, shapes,
		enhances, inhibits, and/or empowers people's lives.
	3. Refine and complete	VA:Cr3.HS.1III Reflect on, reengage, revise, and
	artistic work.	refine works of art or design considering relevant
		traditional and contemporary criteria as well as
		personal artistic vision.
Presenting: Realizing	4. Select, analyze, and	VA:Pr4.HS.1III Analyze, select, curate, and present
artistic work through	interpret artistic work for	artwork for a specific exhibit or event.
interpretation and	presentation.	
presentation.		
	5. Develop and refine artistic	VA:Pr5.HS.1III Investigate, compare, and contrast
	techniques and work for	methods for preserving and protecting art.
	presentation.	
	6. Convey meaning through	VA:Pr6.HS.1III Curate a collection of objects, artifacts,
	the presentation of artistic	or artwork to impact the viewer's understanding of
	work.	social, cultural, and/or political experiences.
Responding:	7. Perceive and analyze	VA:Re7.HS.1III Analyze how responses to art develop
Understanding and	work.	over time based on knowledge of and experience
evaluating how the arts		with art and life.
convey meaning.		VA:Re7.HS.2III Determine the commonalities within a
		group of artists or visual images attributed to a
		particular type of art, timeframe, or culture.
	8. Interpret intent and	VA:Re8.HS.1III Analyze differing interpretations of an
	meaning in artistic work.	artwork or collection of works in order to select and
		defend a plausible critical analysis.
	9. Apply criteria to evaluate	VA:Re9.HS.1III Construct evaluations of a work of art
	artistic work.	or collection of works based on differing sets of
		criteria.

Strand	Anchor	Standard
Connecting: Relating artistic ideas and work with personal meaning and external context.	10. Apply and relate knowledge and personal experiences to make art.	VA:Cn10.HS.1III Synthesize knowledge of social, cultural, historical, and personal life with art-making approaches to create meaningful works of art or design.
	11. Relate artistic ideas and works with societal, cultural, and historical context to deepen understanding.	VA:Cn11.HS.1III Appraise the impact of an artist or a group of artists on the beliefs, values, and behaviors of a society.

Glossary

Nevada Academic Content Standards for Visual Arts

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Term	Definition
Appropriation	Intentional borrowing, copying, and alteration of
	preexisting images and objects
Artist statement	Information about context, explanation of process,
	descriptions of learning, related stories,
	reflections, or other details in a written or spoken
	format shared by the artist to extend and deepen
	understanding of his/her artwork; an artist
	statement can be didactic, descriptive, or
	reflective in nature
Artistic investigation	In making art, forms of inquiry and exploration;
	through artistic investigation artists go beyond
	illustrating pre-existing ideas or following
	directions, and students generate fresh insights-
	new ways of seeing and knowing
Art-making approaches	Diverse strategies and procedures by which artists
	initiate and pursue making a work
Artwork	Artifact or action that has been put forward by an
	artist or other person as something to be
	experiences, interpreted and appreciated
Brainstorm	Technique for the initial production of ideas or
	ways of solving a problem by an individual or
	group in which ideas are spontaneously
	contributed without critical comment or
	judgement
Characteristic(s)	Attribute, feature, property, or essential quality
Characteristics of form (and structure)	Terms drawn from traditional, modern, and
	contemporary sources that identify the range of
	attributes that can be used to describe works of
	art and design to aid students in experiencing and
	perceiving the qualities of artworks, enabling them
	to create their own work and to appreciate and
	interpret the work of others
Collaboration	Joint effort of working together to formulate and
	solve creative problems
Concepts	Ideas, thoughts, schemata; art arising out of
	conceptual experimentation that emphasizes
	making meaning through ideas rather than
	through materiality or form
Constructed environment	Human-made or modified spaces and places; art
	and design-related disciplines such as architecture,
	urban planning, interior design, game design,

Term	Definition
	virtual environment, and landscape design shape the places in which people live, work, and play
Contemporary artistic practice	Processes, techniques, media, procedures, behaviors, actions, and conceptual approaches by which an artist or designer makes work using methods that reflect changing contextual, conceptual, aesthetic, material and technical possibilities.
Context	Interrelated conditions surrounding the creation and experiencing of an artwork, including the artist, viewer/audience, time, culture, presentation, and location of the artwork's creation and reception
Copyright	Form of protection grounded in the U.S. Constitution and granted by law for original works of authorship fixed in a tangible medium of expression, covering both published and unpublished works
Creative commons	Copyright license templates that provide a simple, standardized way to give the public permission to share and use creative work on conditions of maker's choice
Creativity	Ability to conceive and develop rich, original ideas, discover unexpected connections and invent or make new things
Criteria	In art and design, principles that direct attention to significant aspect of a work and provide guidelines for evaluating success
Contemporary criteria	Principles by which a work of art or design is understood and evaluated in contemporary contexts which include not judging necessarily on originality, but rather on how the work is reconstructed to create new meaning
Established criteria	Identified principles that direct attention to significant aspects of various types of artwork in order to provide guidelines for evaluating the work
Personal criteria	Principles for evaluating art and design based on individual preference
Relevant criteria	Principles that apply to making, revising, understanding, and evaluating a particular work of art or design that are generated by identifying the significant characteristics of a work
Critique	Individual or collective reflective process by which artists or designers experience, analyze, and

Term	Definition
	evaluate a work of art or design
Cultural context	Ideas, beliefs, values, norms, customs, traits, practices, and characteristics shared by individuals within a group that form the circumstances surrounding the creation, presentation, preservation, and response to art
Cultural traditions	Pattern of practices and beliefs with a societal group
Curate	Collect, sort, and organize objects, artworks, and artifacts; preserve and maintain historical records and catalogue exhibits
Curator	Person responsible for acquiring, caring for, and exhibiting objects, artworks, and artifacts
Design	Application of creativity to planning the optimal solution to a given problem and communication of that plan to other
Digital format	Anything in electronic from including photos, images, video, audio files, or artwork created or presented through electronic means
Engagement	Attentive participation in an activity of imagining, exploring, and making
Exhibition narrative	Written description of an exhibition intended to educate viewer about its purpose
Expressive properties	Moods, feelings, or ideas evoked or suggested through the attributes, features, or qualities of an image or work of art
Fair use	Limitation in copyright law which sets out factors to be considered in determining whether or not a particular use of one's work is "fair", such as the purpose and character of the use, the amount of work used, and whether thee use will affect the market for the work
Formal and conceptual vocabularies	Terms, methods, concepts, or strategies used to experience, describe, analyze, plan, and make works of art and design drawn from traditional, modern, contemporary, and continually emerging sources in diverse cultures
Genre	Category of art or design identified by similarities in form, subject matter, content, or technique
Image	Visual representation of a person, animal, thing, idea, or concept
Imaginative play	Experimentation by children in defining identities and points of view by developing skills in conceiving, planning, making art, and

Term	Definition
	communicating
Innovative thinking	Imagining and/or conceiving something new and unexpected, including fresh ideas and ways of looking at things and new approaches to old problems, as well as formulating new problems
Material culture	Human-constructed or human-mediated objects, forms, or expressions, that extend to other senses and study beyond the traditional art historical focus on the exemplary to the study of common objects, ordinary spaces, and every day rituals
Materials	Substances out of which art is made or composed, ranging from the traditional to "non-art" material and virtual, cybernetic, and simulated materials
Medium/media	Mode(s) of artistic expression or communication; material or other resources used for creating art
Open source	Computer software for which the copyright holder freely provides the right to use, study, change, and distribute to anyone for any purpose
Portfolio	Actual or virtual collection of artworks and documentation demonstrating art and design knowledge and skills organized to reflect and individual's creative growth and artistic literacy
Preservation	Activity of protecting, saving, and caring for objects, artifacts, and artworks through a variety of means
Style	Recognizable characteristics of art or design that are found consistently in historical periods, cultural traditions, schools of art, or works of an individual artist
Technologies	Tools, techniques, crafts, systems, and methods to shape, adapt, and preserve artworks, artifacts, objects, and natural and human-made environments
Text	That form which information can be gathered, expanding beyond the traditional notion of written language to encompass visual representations such as paintings, sculpture, diagrams, graphics, films, and maps
Venue	Place or setting for an art exhibition, either a physical or a virtual environment
Visual components	Properties of an image that can be perceived
Visual imagery	Group of images; images in general
Visual organization approaches and strategies	Graphic design strategies such as hierarchy, consistency, grids, spacing, scale, weight,

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	proximity, alignment, and typography choice used
	to create focus and clarity in a work
Visual plan	Drawing, picture, diagram, or model of the layout
	of an art exhibit where individual works of art and
	artifacts are presented along with interpretive
	materials within a given space or venue