



Arts Teacher

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What is the purpose of the New York State Learning Standards for the Arts?

The Standards support NYSED's objective to provide New York State P-12 students with access to learning in Dance, Music, Theater, Visual and Media Arts; delivered by certified Arts teachers employing instruction reflective of research and best practices; in districts using sequential, Standards-based arts curricula; along with quality resources and support from community stakeholders at large.

The Standards allow students to develop and attain their creative potential while fostering a deeper understanding of what connects us as human beings artistically, culturally, socially, and emotionally.

What is the implementation timeline for the Standards?

The Arts Learning Standards were developed through a collaborative process between the State Education Department and partners including school district teacher and administrative representatives, BOCES representatives, and state and regional professional arts education professional associations (e.g. NYSSMA, NYSATA, etc).

The Arts Learning Standards were published in 2017; professional development resources were made available in 2018; and an Individual Arts Assessment Pathway (IAAP) to High School Graduation was approved by the Regents in 2019. The Standards will be in full implementation by the Fall of 2021.

Where can I access the Standards and Implementation Guide?

Standards Implementation Resources, Standards at a Glance, Glossaries, and Posters may be accessed on the NYSED web page at <http://www.nysed.gov/curriculum-instruction/arts-standards-implementation-resources>

The Standards Implementation Guide may be accessed at http://www.nysed.gov/common/nysed/files/programs/curriculum-instruction/2017-implementation-guide_update_final.pdf

Frequently Asked Questions

<http://www.nysed.gov/curriculum-instruction/arts-frequently-asked-questions>

WHERE CAN I BEGIN?

OLD CURRICULUM MEETS NEW STANDARDS

Transition Steps

Review, Plan, Experiment

Review the Anchor Standards.

Think about the units and lessons in your curriculum.

- Which Anchor Standards are fairly well represented?
- Which Anchor Standards are not well represented or missing?
- Which units or lessons need little to no adaptation?
- Which units could be expanded with a few more activities (e.g., a collaborative step)?
- Are there any lessons or units that should be discarded?

Identify new units or lessons needed so the curriculum, as a whole, addresses all eleven Anchor Standards.

Next Steps

Align, Integrate, Expand

Review the Enduring Understandings, Essential Questions, Process Components, and Performance Indicators.

Connect developmentally appropriate Enduring Understandings and Essential Questions to works that students will perform and/or study.

Consider: How can you deepen or expand opportunities for...

- Culturally responsive content and instruction?
- Differentiated instruction?
- Formative assessment and metacognition?
- Student growth as well as curriculum mastery?

- Inclusion of a wide range of artistic works across time periods and cultures?
- Equal representation of genders among selected artists, topics, and themes?
- Connection among Arts disciplines or with other curricular areas outside the Arts?
- 21st Century Skills (creativity, critical thinking, collaboration, and communication)?

Develop or revise units and lessons to actively engage students in actively reflecting on Enduring Understandings and Essential Questions.

Try out the new or adapted units. What Worked? What didn't work? Revise.

How are the new Arts Standards organized?

Four *Artistic Processes* (Creating, Performing/Presenting/Producing, Responding, and Connecting) and eleven *Anchor Standards* are shared by all arts disciplines.

Enduring Understandings and *Essential Questions* represent discipline specific expansions of the Anchor Standards.

Performance Indicators identify key outcomes by grade level within the specific Arts disciplines.

LINKS

ARTS EDUCATION ASSOCIATIONS

- nysata.org • New York State Art Teachers Association
- arteducators.org • National Art Education Association
- nysmata.org • New York State Media Arts Teachers Association
- thealliance.media • The Alliance for Media Arts and Culture
- nyssma.org • New York State School Music Association
- nafme.org • National Association for Music Education
- nystea.org • New York State Theater Education Association
- schooltheater.org • Educational Theatre Association
- nysdea.org • New York State Dance Education Association
- ndeo.org • National Dance Education Organization