

## National Standards for Visual Arts

**1. Content Standard:** Understanding and applying media, techniques, and processes  
***Achievement Standard:*** Students a. know the differences between materials, techniques, and processes b. describe how different materials, techniques, and processes cause different responses c. use different media, techniques, and processes to communicate ideas, experiences, and stories d. use art materials and tools in a safe and responsible manner

**2. Content Standard:** Using knowledge of structures and functions  
***Achievement Standard:*** Students a. know the differences among visual characteristics and purposes of art in order to convey ideas; b. describe how different expressive features and organizational principles cause different responses; c. use visual structures and functions of art to communicate ideas

**3. Content Standard:** Choosing and evaluating a range of subject matter, symbols, and ideas  
***Achievement Standard:*** Students a. explore and understand prospective content for works of art; b. select and use subject matter, symbols, and ideas to communicate meaning

**4. Content Standard:** Understanding the visual arts in relation to history and cultures  
***Achievement Standard:*** Students a. know that the visual arts have both a history and specific relationships to various cultures; b. identify specific works of art as belonging to particular cultures, times, and places; c. demonstrate how history, culture, and the visual arts can influence each other in making and studying works of art

**5. Content Standard:** Reflecting upon and assessing the characteristics and merits of their work and the work of others  
***Achievement Standard:*** Students a. understand there are various purposes for creating works of visual art; b. describe how people's experiences influence the development of specific artworks; c. understand there are different responses to specific artworks

**6. Content Standard:** Making connections between visual arts and other disciplines  
***Achievement Standard:*** Students a. understand and use similarities and differences between characteristics of the visual arts and other arts disciplines; b. identify connections between the visual arts and other disciplines in the curriculum