Chapter 117. Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Fine Arts

Subchapter A. Elementary

Statutory Authority: The provisions of this Subchapter A issued under the Texas Education Code, §7.102(c)(4) and §28.002, unless otherwise noted.


(a) The provisions of §§117.101-117.119 of this subchapter shall be implemented by school districts.

(b) No later than August 31, 2014, the commissioner of education shall determine whether instructional materials funding has been made available to Texas public schools for materials that cover the essential knowledge and skills for fine arts as adopted in §§117.101-117.119 of this subchapter.

(c) If the commissioner makes the determination that instructional materials funding has been made available under subsection (b) of this section, §§117.101-117.119 of this subchapter shall be implemented beginning with the 2015-2016 school year and apply to the 2015-2016 and subsequent school years.

(d) If the commissioner does not make the determination that instructional materials funding has been made available under subsection (b) of this section, the commissioner shall determine no later than August 31 of each subsequent school year whether instructional materials funding has been made available. If the commissioner determines that instructional materials funding has been made available, the commissioner shall notify the State Board of Education and school districts that §§117.101-117.119 of this subchapter shall be implemented for the following school year.

(e) Sections 117.1-117.19 of this chapter shall be superseded by the implementation of §§117.101-117.119 under this section.

Source: The provisions of this §117.101 adopted to be effective July 28, 2013, 38 TexReg 4575.


(a) Introduction.

(1) The fine arts incorporate the study of dance, music, theatre, and the visual arts to offer unique experiences and empower students to explore realities, relationships, and ideas. These disciplines engage and motivate all students through active learning, critical thinking, and innovative problem solving. The fine arts develop cognitive functioning and increase student academic achievement, higher-order thinking, communication, and collaboration skills, making the fine arts applicable to college readiness, career opportunities, workplace environments, social skills, and everyday life. Students develop aesthetic and cultural awareness through exploration, leading to creative expression. Creativity, encouraged through the study of the fine arts, is essential to nurture and develop the whole child.

(2) Four basic strands--foundations: observation and perception; creative expression; historical and cultural relevance; and critical evaluation and response--provide broad, unifying structures for organizing the knowledge and skills students are expected to acquire. Each strand is of equal value and may be presented in any order throughout the year. Students rely on personal observations and perceptions, which are developed through increasing visual literacy and sensitivity to surroundings, communities, memories, imaginings, and life experiences, as sources for thinking about, planning, and creating original artworks. Students communicate their thoughts and ideas with innovation and creativity. Through art, students challenge their imaginations, foster critical thinking, collaborate with others, and build reflective skills. While exercising meaningful problem-solving skills, students develop the lifelong ability to make informed judgments.

(3) Statements that contain the word "including" reference content that must be mastered, while those containing the phrase "such as" are intended as possible illustrative examples.

(b) Knowledge and skills.
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(1) Foundations: observation and perception. The student develops and expands visual literacy skills using critical thinking, imagination, and the senses to observe and explore the world by learning about, understanding, and applying the elements of art, principles of design, and expressive qualities. The student uses what the student sees, knows, and has experienced as sources for examining, understanding, and creating artworks. The student is expected to:

(A) gather information from subjects in the environment using the senses; and
(B) identify the elements of art, including line, shape, color, texture, and form, and the principles of design, including repetition/pattern and balance, in the environment.

(2) Creative expression. The student communicates ideas through original artworks using a variety of media with appropriate skills. The student expresses thoughts and ideas creatively while challenging the imagination, fostering reflective thinking, and developing disciplined effort and progressive problem-solving skills. The student is expected to:

(A) create artworks using a variety of lines, shapes, colors, textures, and forms;
(B) arrange components intuitively to create artworks; and
(C) use a variety of materials to develop manipulative skills while engaging in opportunities for exploration through drawing, painting, printmaking, constructing artworks, and sculpting, including modeled forms.

(3) Historical and cultural relevance. The student demonstrates an understanding of art history and culture by analyzing artistic styles, historical periods, and a variety of cultures. The student develops global awareness and respect for the traditions and contributions of diverse cultures. The student is expected to:

(A) identify simple subjects expressed in artworks;
(B) share ideas about personal experiences such as family and friends and develop awareness and sensitivity to differing experiences and opinions through artwork;
(C) identify the uses of art in everyday life; and
(D) relate visual art concepts to other disciplines.

(4) Critical evaluation and response. The student responds to and analyzes artworks of self and others, contributing to the development of lifelong skills of making informed judgments and reasoned evaluations. The student is expected to:

(A) express ideas about personal artworks or portfolios;
(B) express ideas found in collections such as real or virtual art museums, galleries, portfolios, or exhibitions using original artworks created by artists or peers; and
(C) compile collections of artwork such as physical artwork, electronic images, sketchbooks, or portfolios for the purposes of self-evaluations or exhibitions.

Source: The provisions of this §117.102 adopted to be effective July 28, 2013, 38 TexReg 4575.


(a) Introduction.

(1) The fine arts incorporate the study of dance, music, theatre, and the visual arts to offer unique experiences and empower students to explore realities, relationships, and ideas. These disciplines engage and motivate all students through active learning, critical thinking, and innovative problem solving. The fine arts develop cognitive functioning and increase student academic achievement, higher-order thinking, communication, and collaboration skills, making the fine arts applicable to college readiness, career opportunities, workplace environments, social skills, and everyday life. Students develop aesthetic and cultural awareness through exploration, leading to creative
expression. Creativity, encouraged through the study of the fine arts, is essential to nurture and develop the whole child.

(2) Four basic strands—foundations: music literacy; creative expression; historical and cultural relevance; and critical evaluation and response—provide broad, unifying structures for organizing the knowledge and skills students are expected to acquire. The foundation of music literacy is fostered through reading, writing, reproducing, and creating music, thus developing a student's intellect. Through creative expression, students apply their music literacy and the critical-thinking skills of music to sing, play, read, write, and/or move. By experiencing musical periods and styles, students will understand the relevance of music to history, culture, and the world, including the relationship of music to other academic disciplines and the vocational possibilities offered. Through critical listening, students analyze, evaluate, and respond to music, developing criteria for making critical judgments and informed choices.

(3) Statements that contain the word "including" reference content that must be mastered, while those containing the phrase "such as" are intended as possible illustrative examples.

(b) Knowledge and skills.

(1) Foundations: music literacy. The student describes and analyzes musical sound. The student is expected to:

(A) identify the differences between the five voices, including singing, speaking, inner, whispering, and calling voices;
(B) identify the timbre of adult and child singing voices;
(C) identify the timbre of instrument families;
(D) identify same/different in beat/rhythm, higher/lower, louder/softer, faster/slower, and simple patterns in musical performances; and
(E) identify beat, rhythm, and simple two-tone or three-tone melodies using iconic representation.

(2) Creative expression. The student performs a varied repertoire of developmentally appropriate music in informal or formal settings. The student is expected to:

(A) sing or play classroom instruments independently or in groups;
(B) sing songs or play classroom instruments from diverse cultures and styles independently or in groups;
(C) move alone or with others to a varied repertoire of music using gross and fine locomotor and non-locomotor movement;
(D) perform simple partwork, including beat versus rhythm; and
(E) perform music using louder/softer and faster/slower.

(3) Historical and cultural relevance. The student examines music in relation to history and cultures. The student is expected to:

(A) sing songs and play musical games, including rhymes, folk music, and seasonal music; and
(B) identify simple interdisciplinary concepts related to music.

(4) Critical evaluation and response. The student listens to, responds to, and evaluates music and musical performances. The student is expected to:

(A) identify and demonstrate appropriate audience behavior during live or recorded performances;
(B) identify steady beat in musical performances; and
(C) compare same/different in beat/rhythm, higher/lower, louder/softer, faster/slower, and simple patterns in musical performances.

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(a) Introduction.

(1) The fine arts incorporate the study of dance, music, theatre, and the visual arts to offer unique experiences and empower students to explore realities, relationships, and ideas. These disciplines engage and motivate all students through active learning, critical thinking, and innovative problem solving. The fine arts develop cognitive functioning and increase student academic achievement, higher-order thinking, communication, and collaboration skills, making the fine arts applicable to college readiness, career opportunities, workplace environments, social skills, and everyday life. Students develop aesthetic and cultural awareness through exploration, leading to creative expression. Creativity, encouraged through the study of the fine arts, is essential to nurture and develop the whole child.

(2) Four basic strands—foundations: inquiry and understanding; creative expression; historical and cultural relevance; and critical evaluation and response—provide broad, unifying structures for organizing knowledge and skills students are expected to acquire. Through the foundations: inquiry and understanding strand, students develop a perception of self, human relationships, and the world using elements of drama and conventions of theatre. Through the creative expression strand, students communicate in a dramatic form, engage in artistic thinking, build positive self-concepts, relate interpersonally, and integrate knowledge with other content areas in a relevant manner. Through the historical and cultural relevance strand, students increase their understanding of heritage and traditions in theatre and the diversity of world cultures as expressed in theatre. Through the critical evaluation and response strand, students engage in inquiry and dialogue, accept constructive criticism, revise personal views to promote creative and critical thinking, and develop the ability to appreciate and evaluate live theatre.

(3) Statements that contain the word "including" reference content that must be mastered, while those containing the phrase "such as" are intended as possible illustrative examples.

(b) Knowledge and skills.

(1) Foundations: inquiry and understanding. The student develops concepts about self, human relationships, and the environment using elements of drama and conventions of theatre. The student is expected to:

(A) develop self-awareness through dramatic play;
(B) explore space using expressive movement;
(C) imitate sounds; and
(D) imitate and recreate objects in dramatic play.

(2) Creative expression: performance. The student interprets characters using the voice and body expressively and creates dramatizations. The student is expected to:

(A) demonstrate safe use of movement and voice;
(B) assume roles through imitation and recreation;
(C) identify the characteristics of dramatic play; and
(D) participate in dramatic play.

(3) Creative expression: production. The student applies design, directing, and theatre production concepts and skills. The student is expected to:

(A) create playing space using common objects such as tables or chairs;
(B) create costumes using simple materials such as cardboard, newspaper, or fabric;
(C) rehearse dramatic play; and
(D) cooperate with others in dramatic play.

(4) Historical and cultural relevance. The student relates theatre to history, society, and culture. The student is expected to:
(A) rehearse and perform real and imaginative situations of family cultures of students in the class; and
(B) rehearse and perform stories from American history.

(5) Critical evaluation and response. The student responds to and evaluates theatre and theatrical performances. The student is expected to:
(A) discuss, practice, and display appropriate audience behavior; and
(B) respond to dramatic activities through discussion.

Source: The provisions of this §117.104 adopted to be effective July 28, 2013, 38 TexReg 4575.

§117.105. Art, Grade 1, Adopted 2013.

(a) Introduction.

(1) The fine arts incorporate the study of dance, music, theatre, and the visual arts to offer unique experiences and empower students to explore realities, relationships, and ideas. These disciplines engage and motivate all students through active learning, critical thinking, and innovative problem solving. The fine arts develop cognitive functioning and increase student academic achievement, higher-order thinking, communication, and collaboration skills, making the fine arts applicable to college readiness, career opportunities, workplace environments, social skills, and everyday life. Students develop aesthetic and cultural awareness through exploration, leading to creative expression. Creativity, encouraged through the study of the fine arts, is essential to nurture and develop the whole child.

(2) Four basic strands--foundations: observation and perception; creative expression; historical and cultural relevance; and critical evaluation and response--provide broad, unifying structures for organizing the knowledge and skills students are expected to acquire. Each strand is of equal value and may be presented in any order throughout the year. Students rely on personal observations and perceptions, which are developed through increasing visual literacy and sensitivity to surroundings, communities, memories, imaginings, and life experiences, as sources for thinking about, planning, and creating original artworks. Students communicate their thoughts and ideas with innovation and creativity. Through art, students challenge their imaginations, foster critical thinking, collaborate with others, and build reflective skills. While exercising meaningful problem-solving skills, students develop the lifelong ability to make informed judgments.

(3) Statements that contain the word "including" reference content that must be mastered, while those containing the phrase "such as" are intended as possible illustrative examples.

(b) Knowledge and skills.

(1) Foundations: observation and perception. The student develops and expands visual literacy skills using critical thinking, imagination, and the senses to observe and explore the world by learning, understanding, and applying the elements of art and principles of design. The student uses what the student sees, knows, and has experienced as sources for examining, understanding, and creating artworks. The student is expected to:
(A) identify similarities, differences, and variations among subjects in the environment using the senses; and


(B) identify the elements of art, including line, shape, color, texture, and form, and the principles of design, including emphasis, repetition/pattern, and balance, in nature and human-made environments.

(2) Creative expression. The student communicates ideas through original artworks using a variety of media with appropriate skills. The student expresses thoughts and ideas creatively while challenging the imagination, fostering reflective thinking, and developing disciplined effort and progressive problem-solving skills. The student is expected to:

(A) invent images that combine a variety of lines, shapes, colors, textures, and forms;

(B) place components in orderly arrangements to create designs; and

(C) increase manipulative skills necessary for using a variety of materials to produce drawings, paintings, prints, constructions, and sculptures, including modeled forms.

(3) Historical and cultural relevance. The student demonstrates an understanding of art history and culture by analyzing artistic styles, historical periods, and a variety of cultures. The student develops global awareness and respect for the traditions and contributions of diverse cultures. The student is expected to:

(A) identify simple ideas expressed in artworks through different media;

(B) demonstrate an understanding that art is created globally by all people throughout time;

(C) discuss the use of art in everyday life; and

(D) relate visual art concepts to other disciplines.

(4) Critical evaluation and response. The student responds to and analyzes artworks of self and others, contributing to the development of lifelong skills of making informed judgments and reasoned evaluations. The student is expected to:

(A) explain ideas about personal artworks;

(B) identify ideas found in collections such as real or virtual art museums, galleries, portfolios, or exhibitions using original artworks created by artists or peers; and

(C) compile collections of artwork such as physical artwork, electronic images, sketchbooks, or portfolios for the purposes of self-evaluations or exhibitions.

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§117.106. Music, Grade 1, Adopted 2013.

(a) Introduction.

(1) The fine arts incorporate the study of dance, music, theatre, and the visual arts to offer unique experiences and empower students to explore realities, relationships, and ideas. These disciplines engage and motivate all students through active learning, critical thinking, and innovative problem solving. The fine arts develop cognitive functioning and increase student academic achievement, higher-order thinking, communication, and collaboration skills, making the fine arts applicable to college readiness, career opportunities, workplace environments, social skills, and everyday life. Students develop aesthetic and cultural awareness through exploration, leading to creative expression. Creativity, encouraged through the study of the fine arts, is essential to nurture and develop the whole child.

(2) Four basic strands—foundations: music literacy; creative expression; historical and cultural relevance; and critical evaluation and response—provide broad, unifying structures for organizing the knowledge and skills students are expected to acquire. The foundation of music literacy is fostered through reading, writing, reproducing, and creating music, thus developing a student's intellect. Through creative expression, students apply their music literacy and the critical-thinking skills of music to sing, play, read, write, and/or move. By experiencing musical periods and styles, students will understand the relevance of music to history, culture, and the world, including the
relationship of music to other academic disciplines and the vocational possibilities offered. Through critical listening, students analyze, evaluate, and respond to music, developing criteria for making critical judgments and informed choices.

(3) Statements that contain the word "including" reference content that must be mastered, while those containing the phrase "such as" are intended as possible illustrative examples.

(b) Knowledge and skills.

(1) Foundations: music literacy. The student describes and analyzes musical sound and reads, writes, and reproduces music notation. The student is expected to:

(A) identify the known five voices and adult/children singing voices;
(B) identify visually and aurally the instrument families;
(C) use basic music terminology in describing changes in tempo, including allegro/largo, and dynamics, including forte/piano; and
(D) identify and label repetition and contrast in simple songs such as ab, aaba, or abac patterns.

(2) Foundations: music literacy. The student reads, writes, and reproduces music notation. Technology and other tools may be used to read, write, and reproduce musical examples. The student is expected to:

(A) read, write, and reproduce rhythmic patterns, including quarter note/paired eighth notes and quarter; and
(B) read, write, and reproduce melodic patterns, including three tones from the pentatonic scale.

(3) Creative expression. The student performs a varied repertoire of developmentally appropriate music in informal or formal settings. The student is expected to:

(A) sing tunefully or play classroom instruments, including rhythmic and melodic patterns, independently or in groups;
(B) sing songs or play classroom instruments from diverse cultures and styles, independently or in groups;
(C) move alone or with others to a varied repertoire of music using gross and fine locomotor and non-locomotor movement;
(D) perform simple part work, including beat versus rhythm, rhythmic ostinato, and vocal exploration; and
(E) perform music using tempo, including allegro/largo, and dynamics, including forte/piano.

(4) Creative expression. The student creates and explores new musical ideas. The student is expected to:

(A) create short, rhythmic patterns using known rhythms;
(B) create short, melodic patterns using known pitches; and
(C) explore new musical ideas using singing voice and classroom instruments.

(5) Historical and cultural relevance. The student examines music in relation to history and cultures. The student is expected to:

(A) sing songs and play musical games, including rhymes, patriotic events, folk music, and seasonal music;
(B) identify steady beat in short musical excerpts from various periods or times in history and diverse cultures; and
(C) identify simple interdisciplinary concepts relating to music.

(6) Critical evaluation and response. The student listens to, responds to, and evaluates music and musical performances. The student is expected to:

(A) identify and demonstrate appropriate audience behavior during live or recorded performances;

(B) recognize known rhythmic and melodic elements in simple aural examples using known terminology;

(C) distinguish same/different between beat/rhythm, higher/lower, louder/softer, faster/slower, and simple patterns in musical performances; and

(D) respond verbally or through movement to short musical examples.

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§117.107. Theatre, Grade 1, Adopted 2013.

(a) Introduction.

(1) The fine arts incorporate the study of dance, music, theatre, and the visual arts to offer unique experiences and ideas. These disciplines engage and motivate all students through active learning, critical thinking, and innovative problem solving. The fine arts develop cognitive functioning and increase student academic achievement, higher-order thinking, communication, and collaboration skills, making the fine arts applicable to college readiness, career opportunities, workplace environments, social skills, and everyday life. Students develop aesthetic and cultural awareness through exploration, leading to creative expression. Creativity, encouraged through the study of the fine arts, is essential to nurture and develop the whole child.

(2) Four basic strands--foundations: inquiry and understanding; creative expression; historical and cultural relevance; and critical evaluation and response--provide broad, unifying structures for organizing knowledge and skills students are expected to acquire. Through the foundations: inquiry and understanding strand, students develop a perception of self, human relationships, and the world using elements of drama and conventions of theatre. Through the creative expression strand, students communicate in a dramatic form, engage in artistic thinking, build positive self-concepts, relate interpersonally, and integrate knowledge with other content areas in a relevant manner. Through the historical and cultural relevance strand, students increase their understanding of heritage and traditions in theatre and the diversity of world cultures as expressed in theatre. Through the critical evaluation and response strand, students engage in inquiry and dialogue, accept constructive criticism, revise personal views to promote creative and critical thinking, and develop the ability to appreciate and evaluate live theatre.

(3) Statements that contain the word "including" reference content that must be mastered, while those containing the phrase "such as" are intended as possible illustrative examples.

(b) Knowledge and skills.

(1) Foundations: inquiry and understanding. The student develops concepts about self, human relationships, and the environment using elements of drama and conventions of theatre. The student is expected to:

(A) develop confidence and self-awareness through dramatic play;

(B) develop spatial awareness in dramatic play using expressive and rhythmic movement;

(C) imitate actions and sounds; and

(D) imitate and create animate and inanimate objects in dramatic play.

(2) Creative expression: performance. The student interprets characters using the voice and body expressively and creates dramatizations. The student is expected to:
(A) demonstrate safe use of movement and voice;
(B) create roles through imitation;
(C) dramatize simple stories; and
(D) dramatize poems and songs.

(3) Creative expression: production. The student applies design, directing, and theatre production concepts and skills. The student is expected to:
(A) discuss aspects of the environment for use in dramatic play such as location or climate;
(B) adapt the environment for dramatic play using common objects such as tables or chairs;
(C) rehearse dramatic play; and
(D) cooperate with others in dramatic play.

(4) Historical and cultural relevance. The student relates theatre to history, society, and culture. The student is expected to:
(A) imitate life experiences from school and community cultures in dramatic play; and
(B) explore diverse cultural and historical experiences through fables, myths, or fairytales in dramatic play.

(5) Critical evaluation and response. The student responds to and evaluates theatre and theatrical performances. The student is expected to:
(A) discuss, practice, and display appropriate audience behavior;
(B) discuss dramatic activities; and
(C) discuss the use of music, creative movement, and visual components in dramatic play.

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§117.108. Art, Grade 2, Adopted 2013.

(a) Introduction.

(1) The fine arts incorporate the study of dance, music, theatre, and the visual arts to offer unique experiences and empower students to explore realities, relationships, and ideas. These disciplines engage and motivate all students through active learning, critical thinking, and innovative problem solving. The fine arts develop cognitive functioning and increase student academic achievement, higher-order thinking, communication, and collaboration skills, making the fine arts applicable to college readiness, career opportunities, workplace environments, social skills, and everyday life. Students develop aesthetic and cultural awareness through exploration, leading to creative expression. Creativity, encouraged through the study of the fine arts, is essential to nurture and develop the whole child.

(2) Four basic strands--foundations: observation and perception; creative expression; historical and cultural relevance; and critical evaluation and response--provide broad, unifying structures for organizing the knowledge and skills students are expected to acquire. Each strand is of equal value and may be presented in any order throughout the year. Students rely on personal observations and perceptions, which are developed through increasing visual literacy and sensitivity to surroundings, communities, memories, imaginings, and life experiences, as sources for thinking about, planning, and creating original artworks. Students communicate their thoughts and ideas with innovation and creativity. Through art, students challenge their imaginations, foster critical thinking, collaborate with others, and build reflective skills. While exercising meaningful problem-solving skills, students develop the lifelong ability to make informed judgments.

(3) Statements that contain the word "including" reference content that must be mastered, while those containing the phrase "such as" are intended as possible illustrative examples.
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(1) Foundations: observation and perception. The student develops and expands visual literacy skills using critical thinking, imagination, and the senses to observe and explore the world by learning about, understanding, and applying the elements of art, principles of design, and expressive qualities. The student uses what the student sees, knows, and has experienced as sources for examining, understanding, and creating artworks. The student is expected to:

(A) compare and contrast variations in objects and subjects from the environment using the senses; and
(B) identify the elements of art, including line, shape, color, texture, form, and space, and the principles of design, including emphasis, repetition/pattern, movement/rhythm, and balance.

(2) Creative expression. The student communicates ideas through original artworks using a variety of media with appropriate skills. The student expresses thoughts and ideas creatively while challenging the imagination, fostering reflective thinking, and developing disciplined effort and progressive problem-solving skills. The student is expected to:

(A) express ideas and feelings in personal artworks using a variety of lines, shapes, colors, textures, forms, and space;
(B) create compositions using the elements of art and principles of design; and
(C) identify and practice skills necessary for producing drawings, paintings, prints, constructions, and sculpture, including modeled forms, using a variety of materials.

(3) Historical and cultural relevance. The student demonstrates an understanding of art history and culture by analyzing artistic styles, historical periods, and a variety of cultures. The student develops global awareness and respect for the traditions and contributions of diverse cultures. The student is expected to:

(A) interpret stories, content, and meanings in a variety of artworks;
(B) examine historical and contemporary artworks created by men and women, making connections to various cultures;
(C) analyze how art affects everyday life and is connected to jobs in art and design; and
(D) relate visual art concepts to other disciplines.

(4) Critical evaluation and response. The student responds to and analyzes artworks of self and others, contributing to the development of lifelong skills of making informed judgments and reasoned evaluations. The student is expected to:

(A) support reasons for preferences in personal artworks;
(B) compare and contrast ideas found in collections such as real or virtual art museums, galleries, portfolios, or exhibitions using original artworks created by artists or peers; and
(C) compile collections of artwork such as physical artwork, electronic images, sketchbooks, or portfolios for the purposes of self evaluations or exhibitions.

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(a) Introduction.

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Students develop aesthetic and cultural awareness through exploration, leading to creative expression. Creativity, encouraged through the study of the fine arts, is essential to nurture and develop the whole child.

(2) Four basic strands—foundations: music literacy; creative expression; historical and cultural relevance; and critical evaluation and response—provide broad, unifying structures for organizing the knowledge and skills students are expected to acquire. The foundation of music literacy is fostered through reading, writing, reproducing, and creating music, thus developing a student's intellect. Through creative expression, students apply their music literacy and the critical-thinking skills of music to sing, play, read, write, and/or move. By experiencing musical periods and styles, students will understand the relevance of music to history, culture, and the world, including the relationship of music to other academic disciplines and the vocational possibilities offered. Through critical listening, students analyze, evaluate, and respond to music, developing criteria for making critical judgments and informed choices.

(3) Statements that contain the word "including" reference content that must be mastered, while those containing the phrase "such as" are intended as possible illustrative examples.

(b) Knowledge and skills.

(1) Foundations: music literacy. The student describes and analyzes musical sound. The student is expected to:
   (A) identify choral voices, including unison versus ensemble;
   (B) identify instruments visually and aurally;
   (C) use known music terminology to explain musical examples of tempo, including presto, moderato, and andante, and dynamics, including fortissimo and pianissimo; and
   (D) identify and label simple small forms such as aaba and abac.

(2) Foundations: music literacy. The student reads, writes, and reproduces music notation. Technology and other tools may be used to read, write, and reproduce musical examples. The student is expected to:
   (A) read, write, and reproduce rhythmic patterns using standard notation in 2/4 meter, including half note/half rest;
   (B) read, write, and reproduce pentatonic melodic patterns using standard staff notation; and
   (C) read, write, and reproduce basic music terminology, including allegro/largo and forte/piano.

(3) Creative expression. The student performs a varied repertoire of developmentally appropriate music in informal or formal settings. The student is expected to:
   (A) sing tunefully or play classroom instruments, including rhythmic and melodic patterns, independently or in groups;
   (B) sing songs or play classroom instruments from diverse cultures and styles, independently or in groups;
   (C) move alone or with others to a varied repertoire of music using gross and fine locomotor and non-locomotor movement;
   (D) perform simple part work, including rhythmic ostinato, and vocal exploration such as singing, speaking, and chanting; and
   (E) perform music using tempo, including presto, moderato, and andante, and dynamics, including fortissimo and pianissimo.

(4) Creative expression. The student creates and explores new musical ideas. The student is expected to:
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(A) create rhythmic phrases using known rhythms;
(B) create melodic phrases using known pitches; and
(C) explore new musical ideas in phrases using singing voice and classroom instruments.

(5) Historical and cultural relevance. The student examines music in relation to history and cultures. The student is expected to:
(A) sing songs and play musical games, including patriotic, folk, and seasonal music;
(B) examine short musical excerpts from various periods or times in history and diverse and local cultures; and
(C) identify simple interdisciplinary concepts relating to music.

(6) Critical evaluation and response. The student listens to, responds to, and evaluates music and musical performances. The student is expected to:
(A) begin to practice appropriate audience behavior during live or recorded performances;
(B) recognize known rhythmic and melodic elements in simple aural examples using known terminology;
(C) distinguish between rhythms, higher/lower pitches, louder/softer dynamics, faster/slower tempos, and simple patterns in musical performances; and
(D) respond verbally or through movement to short musical examples.

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§117.110. Theatre, Grade 2, Adopted 2013.

(a) Introduction.

(1) The fine arts incorporate the study of dance, music, theatre, and the visual arts to offer unique experiences and empower students to explore realities, relationships, and ideas. These disciplines engage and motivate all students through active learning, critical thinking, and innovative problem solving. The fine arts develop cognitive functioning and increase student academic achievement, higher-order thinking, communication, and collaboration skills, making the fine arts applicable to college readiness, career opportunities, workplace environments, social skills, and everyday life. Students develop aesthetic and cultural awareness through exploration, leading to creative expression. Creativity, encouraged through the study of the fine arts, is essential to nurture and develop the whole child.

(2) Four basic strands--foundations: inquiry and understanding; creative expression; historical and cultural relevance; and critical evaluation and response--provide broad, unifying structures for organizing knowledge and skills students are expected to acquire. Through the foundations: inquiry and understanding strand, students develop a perception of self, human relationships, and the world using elements of drama and conventions of theatre. Through the creative expression strand, students communicate in a dramatic form, engage in artistic thinking, build positive self-concepts, relate interpersonally, and integrate knowledge with other content areas in a relevant manner. Through the historical and cultural relevance strand, students increase their understanding of heritage and traditions in theatre and the diversity of world cultures as expressed in theatre. Through the critical evaluation and response strand, students engage in inquiry and dialogue, accept constructive criticism, revise personal views to promote creative and critical thinking, and develop the ability to appreciate and evaluate live theatre.

(3) Statements that contain the word "including" reference content that must be mastered, while those containing the phrase "such as" are intended as possible illustrative examples.

(b) Knowledge and skills.
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(1) Foundations: inquiry and understanding. The student develops concepts about self, human relationships, and the environment using elements of drama and conventions of theatre. The student is expected to:

(A) react to sensory experiences such as sight or sound through dramatic play;
(B) expand spatial awareness in dramatic play using expressive and rhythmic movement;
(C) participate in dramatic play using actions, sounds, and dialogue; and
(D) role play, imitate, and recreate dialogue.

(2) Creative expression: performance. The student interprets characters using the voice and body expressively and creates dramatizations. The student is expected to:

(A) demonstrate safe use of movement and voice;
(B) role play in real life and imaginative situations through narrative pantomime, dramatic play, and story dramatization;
(C) create dramatizations of limited-action stories using simple pantomime or puppetry; and
(D) dramatize poems and songs using simple pantomime or puppetry.

(3) Creative expression: production. The student applies design, directing, and theatre production concepts and skills. The student is expected to:

(A) select aspects of the environment such as location, climate, or time for use in dramatic play;
(B) adapt the environment for dramatic play using common objects such as tables or chairs;
(C) plan dramatic play; and
(D) cooperate and interact with others in dramatic play.

(4) Historical and cultural relevance. The student relates theatre to history, society, and culture. The student is expected to:

(A) imitate life experiences from school and community cultures in dramatic play; and
(B) explore diverse cultural and historical experiences through fables, myths, or fairytales in dramatic play.

(5) Critical evaluation and response. The student responds to and evaluates theatre and theatrical performances. The student is expected to:

(A) discuss, practice, and display appropriate audience behavior;
(B) react to and discuss dramatic activities; and
(C) integrate music, creative movement, and visual components in dramatic play.

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§117.111. Art, Grade 3, Adopted 2013.

(a) Introduction.

(1) The fine arts incorporate the study of dance, music, theatre, and the visual arts to offer unique experiences and empower students to explore realities, relationships, and ideas. These disciplines engage and motivate all students through active learning, critical thinking, and innovative problem solving. The fine arts develop cognitive functioning and increase student academic achievement, higher-order thinking, communication, and collaboration skills, making the fine arts applicable to college readiness, career opportunities, workplace environments, social skills, and everyday life. Students develop aesthetic and cultural awareness through exploration, leading to creative
expression. Creativity, encouraged through the study of the fine arts, is essential to nurture and develop the whole child.

(2) Four basic strands--foundations: observation and perception; creative expression; historical and cultural relevance; and critical evaluation and response--provide broad, unifying structures for organizing the knowledge and skills students are expected to acquire. Each strand is of equal value and may be presented in any order throughout the year. Students rely on personal observations and perceptions, which are developed through increasing visual literacy and sensitivity to surroundings, communities, memories, imaginings, and life experiences, as sources for thinking about, planning, and creating original artworks. Students communicate their thoughts and ideas with innovation and creativity. Through art, students challenge their imaginations, foster critical thinking, collaborate with others, and build reflective skills. While exercising meaningful problem-solving skills, students develop the lifelong ability to make informed judgments.

(3) Statements that contain the word "including" reference content that must be mastered, while those containing the phrase "such as" are intended as possible illustrative examples.

(b) Knowledge and skills.

(1) Foundations: observation and perception. The student develops and expands visual literacy skills using critical thinking, imagination, and the senses to observe and explore the world by learning about, understanding, and applying the elements of art, principles of design, and expressive qualities. The student uses what the student sees, knows, and has experienced as sources for examining, understanding, and creating artworks. The student is expected to:

(A) explore ideas from life experiences about self, peers, family, school, or community and from the imagination as sources for original works of art;

(B) use appropriate vocabulary when discussing the elements of art, including line, shape, color, texture, form, space, and value, and the principles of design, including emphasis, repetition/pattern, movement/rhythm, contrast/variety, balance, proportion, and unity; and

(C) discuss the elements of art as building blocks and the principles of design as organizers of works of art.

(2) Creative expression. The student communicates ideas through original artworks using a variety of media with appropriate skills. The student expresses thoughts and ideas creatively while challenging the imagination, fostering reflective thinking, and developing disciplined effort and progressive problem solving skills. The student is expected to:

(A) integrate ideas drawn from life experiences to create original works of art;

(B) create compositions using the elements of art and principles of design; and

(C) produce drawings; paintings; prints; sculpture, including modeled forms; and other art forms such as ceramics, fiber art, constructions, mixed media, installation art, digital art and media, and photographic imagery using a variety of materials.

(3) Historical and cultural relevance. The student demonstrates an understanding of art history and culture by analyzing artistic styles, historical periods, and a variety of cultures. The student develops global awareness and respect for the traditions and contributions of diverse cultures. The student is expected to:

(A) identify simple main ideas expressed in artworks from various times and places;

(B) compare and contrast artworks created by historical and contemporary men and women, making connections to various cultures;

(C) connect art to career opportunities for positions such as architects, animators, cartoonists, engineers, fashion designers, film makers, graphic artists, illustrators, interior designers, photographers, and web designers; and

(D) investigate the connections of visual art concepts to other disciplines.
Critical evaluation and response. The student responds to and analyzes artworks of self and others, contributing to the development of lifelong skills of making informed judgments and reasoned evaluations. The student is expected to:

(A) evaluate the elements of art, principles of design, or expressive qualities in artworks of self, peers, and historical and contemporary artists;
(B) use methods such as oral response or artist statements to identify main ideas found in collections of artworks created by self, peers, and major historical or contemporary artists in real or virtual portfolios, galleries, or art museums; and
(C) compile collections of personal artworks such as physical artworks, electronic images, sketchbooks, or portfolios for purposes of self assessment or exhibition.

Source: The provisions of this §117.111 adopted to be effective July 28, 2013, 38 TexReg 4575.


(a) Introduction.

(1) The fine arts incorporate the study of dance, music, theatre, and the visual arts to offer unique experiences and empower students to explore realities, relationships, and ideas. These disciplines engage and motivate all students through active learning, critical thinking, and innovative problem solving. The fine arts develop cognitive functioning and increase student academic achievement, higher-order thinking, communication, and collaboration skills, making the fine arts applicable to college readiness, career opportunities, workplace environments, social skills, and everyday life. Students develop aesthetic and cultural awareness through exploration, leading to creative expression. Creativity, encouraged through the study of the fine arts, is essential to nurture and develop the whole child.

(2) Four basic strands--foundations: music literacy; creative expression; historical and cultural relevance; and critical evaluation and response--provide broad, unifying structures for organizing the knowledge and skills students are expected to acquire. The foundation of music literacy is fostered through reading, writing, reproducing, and creating music, thus developing a student's intellect. Through creative expression, students apply their music literacy and the critical-thinking skills of music to sing, play, read, write, and/or move. By experiencing musical periods and styles, students will understand the relevance of music to history, culture, and the world, including the relationship of music to other academic disciplines and the vocational possibilities offered. Through critical listening, students analyze, evaluate, and respond to music, developing criteria for making critical judgments and informed choices.

(3) Statements that contain the word "including" reference content that must be mastered, while those containing the phrase "such as" are intended as possible illustrative examples.

(b) Knowledge and skills.

(1) Foundations: music literacy. The student describes and analyzes musical sound. The student is expected to:

(A) categorize and explain a variety of musical sounds, including those of children and adult voices;
(B) categorize and explain a variety of musical sounds, including those of woodwind, brass, string, percussion, and instruments from various cultures;
(C) use known music symbols and terminology referring to rhythm; melody; timbre; form; tempo; and dynamics, including mezzo piano and mezzo forte, to identify musical sounds presented aurally; and
(D) identify and label small and large musical forms such as abac, AB, and ABA presented aurally in simple songs and larger works.
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(2) Foundations: music literacy. The student reads, writes, and reproduces music notation using a system. Technology and other tools may be used to read, write, and reproduce musical examples. The student is expected to:

(A) read, write, and reproduce rhythmic patterns using standard notation, including four sixteenth notes, whole notes, whole rests, and previously learned note values in 2/4 and 4/4 meters as appropriate;

(B) read, write, and reproduce extended pentatonic melodic patterns using standard staff notation; and

(C) identify new and previously learned music symbols and terms referring to tempo and dynamics, including mezzo piano and mezzo forte.

(3) Creative expression. The student performs a varied repertoire of developmentally appropriate music in informal or formal settings. The student is expected to:

(A) sing or play classroom instruments with accurate intonation and rhythm independently or in groups;

(B) sing or play a varied repertoire of music such as American folk songs and folk songs representative of local cultures independently or in groups;

(C) move alone or with others to a varied repertoire of music using gross motor, fine motor, locomotor, and non-locomotor skills and integrated movement such as hands and feet moving together;

(D) perform simple part work, including rhythmic and melodic ostinati, derived from known repertoire; and

(E) interpret through performance new and previously learned music symbols and terms referring to tempo and dynamics, including mezzo piano and mezzo forte.

(4) Creative expression. The student creates and explores new musical ideas within specified guidelines. The student is expected to:

(A) create rhythmic phrases through improvisation or composition;

(B) create melodic phrases through improvisation or composition; and

(C) create simple accompaniments through improvisation or composition.

(5) Historical and cultural relevance. The student examines music in relation to history and cultures. The student is expected to:

(A) perform a varied repertoire of songs, movement, and musical games representative of American and local cultures;

(B) identify music from diverse genres, styles, periods, and cultures; and

(C) identify the relationships between music and interdisciplinary concepts.

(6) Critical evaluation and response. The student listens to, responds to, and evaluates music and musical performances. The student is expected to:

(A) exhibit audience etiquette during live and recorded performances;

(B) recognize known rhythmic and melodic elements in aural examples using appropriate vocabulary;

(C) identify specific musical events in aural examples such as changes in timbre, form, tempo, or dynamics using appropriate vocabulary;

(D) respond verbally and through movement to short musical examples; and

(E) describe a variety of compositions and formal or informal musical performances using specific music vocabulary.
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§117.113. Theatre, Grade 3, Adopted 2013.

(a) Introduction.

(1) The fine arts incorporate the study of dance, music, theatre, and the visual arts to offer unique experiences and empower students to explore realities, relationships, and ideas. These disciplines engage and motivate all students through active learning, critical thinking, and innovative problem solving. The fine arts develop cognitive functioning and increase student academic achievement, higher-order thinking, communication, and collaboration skills, making the fine arts applicable to college readiness, career opportunities, workplace environments, social skills, and everyday life. Students develop aesthetic and cultural awareness through exploration, leading to creative expression. Creativity, encouraged through the study of the fine arts, is essential to nurture and develop the whole child.

(2) Four basic strands--foundations: inquiry and understanding; creative expression; historical and cultural relevance; and critical evaluation and response--provide broad, unifying structures for organizing knowledge and skills students are expected to acquire. Through the foundations: inquiry and understanding strand, students develop a perception of self, human relationships, and the world using elements of drama and conventions of theatre. Through the creative expression strand, students communicate in a dramatic form, engage in artistic thinking, build positive self-concepts, relate interpersonally, and integrate knowledge with other content areas in a relevant manner. Through the historical and cultural relevance strand, students increase their understanding of heritage and traditions in theatre and the diversity of world cultures as expressed in theatre. Through the critical evaluation and response strand, students engage in inquiry and dialogue, accept constructive criticism, revise personal views to promote creative and critical thinking, and develop the ability to appreciate and evaluate live theatre.

(3) Statements that contain the word "including" reference content that must be mastered, while those containing the phrase "such as" are intended as possible illustrative examples.

(b) Knowledge and skills.

(1) Foundations: inquiry and understanding. The student develops concepts about self, human relationships, and the environment using elements of drama and conventions of theatre. The student is expected to:

(A) react to sensory and emotional experiences such as sight or sound and happiness or sadness through creative play;
(B) create playing space using expressive and rhythmic movement;
(C) respond to sounds, music, images, language, and literature using movement; and
(D) reflect the environment, portray character, and demonstrate actions in classroom dramatizations.

(2) Creative expression: performance. The student interprets characters using the voice and body expressively and creates dramatizations. The student is expected to:

(A) demonstrate safe use of movement and voice;
(B) participate in a variety of roles in real life or imaginative situations through narrative pantomime, dramatic play, or story dramatization;
(C) dramatize literary selections using shadow play or puppetry; and
(D) dramatize literary selections using pantomime and imitative dialogue.

(3) Creative expression: production. The student applies design, directing, and theatre production concepts and skills. The student is expected to:
(A) identify technical theatre elements such as props, costumes, sound, and visual elements that define character, environment, action, and theme;

(B) use simple technical theatre elements such as props, costumes, sound, and visual elements that define character, environment, action, and theme;

(C) plan dramatic play;

(D) cooperate and interact with others in dramatic play; and

(E) observe live or multimedia theatrical performances.

(4) Historical and cultural relevance. The student relates theatre to history, society, and culture. The student is expected to:

(A) explore historical and diverse cultural influences from a variety of sources through dramatic activities;

(B) illustrate similarities and differences between life and theatre, television, and film through dramatic play; and

(5) Critical evaluation and response. The student responds to and evaluates theatre and theatrical performances. The student is expected to:

(A) apply appropriate audience behavior consistently;

(B) discuss and evaluate simple dramatic activities and performances; and

(C) discuss the use of music, movement, and visual components in dramatic activities and performances.

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(a) Introduction.

(1) The fine arts incorporate the study of dance, music, theatre, and the visual arts to offer unique experiences and empower students to explore realities, relationships, and ideas. These disciplines engage and motivate all students through active learning, critical thinking, and innovative problem solving. The fine arts develop cognitive functioning and increase student academic achievement, higher-order thinking, communication, and collaboration skills, making the fine arts applicable to college readiness, career opportunities, workplace environments, social skills, and everyday life. Students develop aesthetic and cultural awareness through exploration, leading to creative expression. Creativity, encouraged through the study of the fine arts, is essential to nurture and develop the whole child.

(2) Four basic strands--foundations: observation and perception; creative expression; historical and cultural relevance; and critical evaluation and response--provide broad, unifying structures for organizing the knowledge and skills students are expected to acquire. Each strand is of equal value and may be presented in any order throughout the year. Students rely on personal observations and perceptions, which are developed through increasing visual literacy and sensitivity to surroundings, communities, memories, imaginings, and life experiences, as sources for thinking about, planning, and creating original artworks. Students communicate their thoughts and ideas with innovation and creativity. Through art, students challenge their imaginations, foster critical thinking, collaborate with others, and build reflective skills. While exercising meaningful problem-solving skills, students develop the lifelong ability to make informed judgments.

(3) Statements that contain the word "including" reference content that must be mastered, while those containing the phrase "such as" are intended as possible illustrative examples.

(b) Knowledge and skills.
(1) Foundations: observation and perception. The student develops and expands visual literacy skills using critical thinking, imagination, and the senses to observe and explore the world by learning about, understanding, and applying the elements of art, principles of design, and expressive qualities. The student uses what the student sees, knows, and has experienced as sources for examining, understanding, and creating artworks. The student is expected to:

(A) explore and communicate ideas drawn from life experiences about self, peers, family, school, or community and from the imagination as sources for original works of art;

(B) use appropriate vocabulary when discussing the elements of art, including line, shape, color, texture, form, space, and value, and the principles of design, including emphasis, repetition/pattern, movement/rhythm, contrast/variety, balance, proportion, and unity; and

(C) discuss the elements of art as building blocks and the principles of design as organizers of works of art.

(2) Creative expression. The student communicates ideas through original artworks using a variety of media with appropriate skills. The student expresses thoughts and ideas creatively while challenging the imagination, fostering reflective thinking, and developing disciplined effort and progressive problem-solving skills. The student is expected to:

(A) integrate ideas drawn from life experiences to create original works of art;

(B) create compositions using the elements of art and principles of design; and

(C) produce drawings; paintings; prints; sculpture, including modeled forms; and other art forms such as ceramics, fiber art, constructions, mixed media, installation art, digital art and media, and photographic imagery using a variety of art media and materials.

(3) Historical and cultural relevance. The student demonstrates an understanding of art history and culture by analyzing artistic styles, historical periods, and a variety of cultures. The student develops global awareness and respect for the traditions and contributions of diverse cultures. The student is expected to:

(A) compare content in artworks for various purposes such as the role art plays in reflecting life, expressing emotions, telling stories, or documenting history and traditions;

(B) compare purpose and content in artworks created by historical and contemporary men and women, making connections to various cultures;

(C) connect art to career opportunities for positions such as architects, animators, cartoonists, engineers, fashion designers, film makers, graphic artists, illustrators, interior designers, photographers, and web designers; and

(D) investigate connections of visual art concepts to other disciplines.

(4) Critical evaluation and response. The student responds to and analyzes artworks of self and others, contributing to the development of lifelong skills of making informed judgments and reasoned evaluations. The student is expected to:

(A) evaluate the elements of art, principles of design, intent, or expressive qualities in artworks of self, peers, and historical and contemporary artists;

(B) use methods such as written or oral response or artist statements to identify emotions found in collections of artworks created by self, peers, and major historical or contemporary artists in real or virtual portfolios, galleries, or art museums; and

(C) compile collections of personal artworks for purposes of self-assessment or exhibition such as physical artworks, electronic images, sketchbooks, or portfolios.

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(a) Introduction.

(1) The fine arts incorporate the study of dance, music, theatre, and the visual arts to offer unique experiences and empower students to explore realities, relationships, and ideas. These disciplines engage and motivate all students through active learning, critical thinking, and innovative problem solving. The fine arts develop cognitive functioning and increase student academic achievement, higher-order thinking, communication, and collaboration skills, making the fine arts applicable to college readiness, career opportunities, workplace environments, social skills, and everyday life. Students develop aesthetic and cultural awareness through exploration, leading to creative expression. Creativity, encouraged through the study of the fine arts, is essential to nurture and develop the whole child.

(2) Four basic strands--foundations: music literacy; creative expression; historical and cultural relevance; and critical evaluation and response--provide broad, unifying structures for organizing the knowledge and skills students are expected to acquire. The foundation of music literacy is fostered through reading, writing, reproducing, and creating music, thus developing a student's intellect. Through creative expression, students apply their music literacy and the critical-thinking skills of music to sing, play, read, write, and/or move. By experiencing musical periods and styles, students will understand the relevance of music to history, culture, and the world, including the relationship of music to other academic disciplines and the vocational possibilities offered. Through critical listening, students analyze, evaluate, and respond to music, developing criteria for making critical judgments and informed choices.

(3) Statements that contain the word "including" reference content that must be mastered, while those containing the phrase "such as" are intended as possible illustrative examples.

(b) Knowledge and skills.

(1) Foundations: music literacy. The student describes and analyzes musical sound. The student is expected to:

(A) categorize and explain a variety of musical sounds, including those of children's voices and soprano and alto adult voices;

(B) categorize and explain a variety of musical sounds, including those of woodwind, brass, string, percussion, keyboard, electronic instruments, and instruments of various cultures;

(C) use known music symbols and terminology referring to rhythm; melody; timbre; form; tempo; dynamics, including crescendo and decrescendo; and articulation, including staccato and legato, to explain musical sounds presented aurally; and

(D) identify and label small and large musical forms such as, abac, AB, ABA, and rondo presented aurally in simple songs and larger works.

(2) Foundations: music literacy. The student reads, writes, and reproduces music notation using a system. Technology and other tools may be used to read, write, and reproduce musical examples. The student is expected to:

(A) read, write, and reproduce rhythmic patterns using standard notation, including separated eighth notes, eighth- and sixteenth-note combinations, dotted half note, and previously learned note values in 2/4, 4/4, and 3/4 meters as appropriate;

(B) read, write, and reproduce extended pentatonic melodic patterns using standard staff notation; and

(C) identify new and previously learned music symbols and terms referring to tempo; dynamics, including crescendo and decrescendo; and articulation, including staccato and legato.

(3) Creative expression. The student performs a varied repertoire of developmentally appropriate music in informal or formal settings. The student is expected to:
(A) sing and play classroom instruments with accurate intonation and rhythm, independently or in groups;

(B) sing or play a varied repertoire of music such as American and Texan folk songs and folk songs representative of local cultures, independently or in groups;

(C) move alone and with others to a varied repertoire of music using gross motor, fine motor, locomotor, and non-locomotor skills and integrated movement such as hands and feet moving together;

(D) perform various folk dances and play parties;

(E) perform simple part work, including rhythmic and melodic ostinati, derived from known repertoire; and

(F) interpret through performance new and previously learned music symbols and terms referring to tempo; dynamics, including crescendo and decrescendo; and articulation, including staccato and legato.

(4) Creative expression. The student creates and explores new musical ideas within specified guidelines. The student is expected to:

(A) create rhythmic phrases through improvisation or composition;

(B) create melodic phrases through improvisation or composition; and

(C) create simple accompaniments through improvisation or composition.

(5) Historical and cultural relevance. The student examines music in relation to history and cultures. The student is expected to:

(A) perform a varied repertoire of songs, movement, and musical games representative of diverse cultures such as historical folk songs of Texas and Hispanic and American Indian cultures in Texas;

(B) perform music representative of America and Texas, including "Texas, Our Texas";

(C) identify and describe music from diverse genres, styles, periods, and cultures; and

(D) examine the relationships between music and interdisciplinary concepts.

(6) Critical evaluation and response. The student listens to, responds to, and evaluates music and musical performances. The student is expected to:

(A) exhibit audience etiquette during live and recorded performances;

(B) recognize known rhythmic and melodic elements in aural examples using appropriate vocabulary;

(C) describe specific musical events in aural examples such as changes in timbre, form, tempo, dynamics, or articulation using appropriate vocabulary;

(D) respond verbally and through movement to short musical examples;

(E) describe a variety of compositions and formal or informal musical performances using specific music vocabulary; and

(F) justify personal preferences for specific music works and styles using music vocabulary.

Source: The provisions of this §117.115 adopted to be effective July 28, 2013, 38 TexReg 4575.


(a) Introduction.

(1) The fine arts incorporate the study of dance, music, theatre, and the visual arts to offer unique experiences and empower students to explore realities, relationships, and ideas. These disciplines
engage and motivate all students through active learning, critical thinking, and innovative problem solving. The fine arts develop cognitive functioning and increase student academic achievement, higher-order thinking, communication, and collaboration skills, making the fine arts applicable to college readiness, career opportunities, workplace environments, social skills, and everyday life. Students develop aesthetic and cultural awareness through exploration, leading to creative expression. Creativity, encouraged through the study of the fine arts, is essential to nurture and develop the whole child.

(2) Four basic strands—foundations: inquiry and understanding; creative expression; historical and cultural relevance; and critical evaluation and response—provide broad, unifying structures for organizing knowledge and skills students are expected to acquire. Through the foundations: inquiry and understanding strand, students develop a perception of self, human relationships, and the world using elements of drama and conventions of theatre. Through the creative expression strand, students communicate in a dramatic form, engage in artistic thinking, build positive self-concepts, relate interpersonally, and integrate knowledge with other content areas in a relevant manner. Through the historical and cultural relevance strand, students increase their understanding of heritage and traditions in theatre and the diversity of world cultures as expressed in theatre. Through the critical evaluation and response strand, students engage in inquiry and dialogue, accept constructive criticism, revise personal views to promote creative and critical thinking, and develop the ability to appreciate and evaluate live theatre.

(3) Statements that contain the word "including" reference content that must be mastered, while those containing the phrase "such as" are intended as possible illustrative examples.

(b) Knowledge and skills.

(1) Foundations: inquiry and understanding. The student develops concepts about self, human relationships, and the environment using elements of drama and conventions of theatre. The student is expected to:

(A) integrate sensory and emotional responses in dramatic play;
(B) develop body awareness and spatial perception using rhythmic and expressive movement;
(C) respond to sound, music, images, language, and literature with voice and movement and participate in dramatic play using actions, sounds, and dialogue;
(D) express emotions and ideas using interpretive movements, sounds, and dialogue;
(E) imitate and synthesize life experiences in dramatic play;
(F) use common objects to represent the setting, enhance characterization, and clarify actions; and
(G) define and demonstrate correct use of basic theatrical terms such as dialogue, character, scene, prop, costumes, setting, and theme.

(2) Creative expression: performance. The student interprets characters using the voice and body expressively and creates dramatizations. The student is expected to:

(A) demonstrate safe use of the voice and body;
(B) describe characters, their relationships, and their surroundings;
(C) develop characters and assume roles in short improvised scenes using imagination, personal experiences, heritage, literature, and history;
(D) dramatize literary selections in unison, pairs, or groups, demonstrating a logical connection of events and describing the characters, their relationships, and their surroundings; and
(E) create simple stories collaboratively through imaginative play, improvisations, and story dramatizations, demonstrating a logical connection of events and describing the characters, their relationships, and their surroundings.
(3) Creative expression: production. The student applies design, directing, and theatre production concepts and skills. The student is expected to:

(A) describe the appropriate use of props, costumes, sound, and visual elements that define character, environment, action, and theme;

(B) alter space to create suitable performance environments for playmaking;

(C) plan brief dramatizations collaboratively; and

(D) interact cooperatively with others in brief dramatizations.

(4) Historical and cultural relevance. The student relates theatre to history, society, and culture. The student is expected to:

(A) explain theatre as a reflection of life in particular times, places, cultures, and oral traditions specific to Texas;

(B) identify the role of live theatre, film, television, and electronic media in American society; and

(C) compare theatre artists and their contributions to theatre and society.

(5) Critical evaluation and response. The student responds to and evaluates theatre and theatrical performances. The student is expected to:

(A) apply appropriate audience behavior at formal and informal performances;

(B) compare visual, aural, oral, and kinetic aspects of informal playmaking with formal theatre; and

(C) discuss how movement, music, or visual elements enhance ideas and emotions depicted in theatre.

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§117.117. Art, Grade 5, Adopted 2013.

(a) Introduction.

(1) The fine arts incorporate the study of dance, music, theatre, and the visual arts to offer unique experiences and empower students to explore realities, relationships, and ideas. These disciplines engage and motivate all students through active learning, critical thinking, and innovative problem solving. The fine arts develop cognitive functioning and increase student academic achievement, higher-order thinking, communication, and collaboration skills, making the fine arts applicable to college readiness, career opportunities, workplace environments, social skills, and everyday life. Students develop aesthetic and cultural awareness through exploration, leading to creative expression. Creativity, encouraged through the study of the fine arts, is essential to nurture and develop the whole child.

(2) Four basic strands--foundations: observation and perception; creative expression; historical and cultural relevance; and critical evaluation and response--provide broad, unifying structures for organizing the knowledge and skills students are expected to acquire. Each strand is of equal value and may be presented in any order throughout the year. Students rely on personal observations and perceptions, which are developed through increasing visual literacy and sensitivity to surroundings, communities, memories, imaginings, and life experiences, as sources for thinking about, planning, and creating original artworks. Students communicate their thoughts and ideas with innovation and creativity. Through art, students challenge their imaginations, foster critical thinking, collaborate with others, and build reflective skills. While exercising meaningful problem-solving skills, students develop the lifelong ability to make informed judgments.

(3) Statements that contain the word "including" reference content that must be mastered, while those containing the phrase "such as" are intended as possible illustrative examples.
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(b) Knowledge and skills.

(1) Foundations: observation and perception. The student develops and expands visual literacy skills using critical thinking, imagination, and the senses to observe and explore the world by learning about, understanding, and applying the elements of art, principles of design, and expressive qualities. The student uses what the student sees, knows, and has experienced as sources for examining, understanding, and creating artworks. The student is expected to:

(A) develop and communicate ideas drawn from life experiences about self, peers, family, school, or community and from the imagination as sources for original works of art;

(B) use appropriate vocabulary when discussing the elements of art, including line, shape, color, texture, form, space, and value, and the principles of design, including emphasis, repetition/pattern, movement/rhythm, contrast/variety, balance, proportion, and unity; and

(C) discuss the elements of art as building blocks and the principles of design as organizers of works of art.

(2) Creative expression. The student communicates ideas through original artworks using a variety of media with appropriate skills. The student expresses thoughts and ideas creatively while challenging the imagination, fostering reflective thinking, and developing disciplined effort and progressive problem-solving skills. The student is expected to:

(A) integrate ideas drawn from life experiences to create original works of art;

(B) create compositions using the elements of art and principles of design; and

(C) produce drawings; paintings; prints; sculpture, including modeled forms; and other art forms such as ceramics, fiber art, constructions, digital art and media, and photographic imagery using a variety of materials.

(3) Historical and cultural relevance. The student demonstrates an understanding of art history and culture by analyzing artistic styles, historical periods, and a variety of cultures. The student develops global awareness and respect for the traditions and contributions of diverse cultures. The student is expected to:

(A) compare the purpose and effectiveness of artworks from various times and places, evaluating the artist's use of media and techniques, expression of emotions, or use of symbols;

(B) compare the purpose and effectiveness of artworks created by historic and contemporary men and women, making connections to various cultures;

(C) connect art to career opportunities for positions such as architects, animators, cartoonists, engineers, fashion designers, film makers, graphic artists, illustrators, interior designers, photographers, and web designers; and

(D) investigate connections of visual art concepts to other disciplines.

(4) Critical evaluation and response. The student responds to and analyzes artworks of self and others, contributing to the development of lifelong skills of making informed judgments and reasoned evaluations. The student is expected to:

(A) evaluate the elements of art, principles of design, general intent, media and techniques, or expressive qualities in artworks of self, peers, or historical and contemporary artists;

(B) use methods such as written or oral response or artist statements to identify themes found in collections of artworks created by self, peers, and major historical or contemporary artists in real or virtual portfolios, galleries, or art museums; and

(C) compile collections of personal artworks for purposes of self-assessment or exhibition such as physical artworks, electronic images, sketchbooks, or portfolios.

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(a) Introduction.

(1) The fine arts incorporate the study of dance, music, theatre, and the visual arts to offer unique experiences and empower students to explore realities, relationships, and ideas. These disciplines engage and motivate all students through active learning, critical thinking, and innovative problem solving. The fine arts develop cognitive functioning and increase student academic achievement, higher-order thinking, communication, and collaboration skills, making the fine arts applicable to college readiness, career opportunities, workplace environments, social skills, and everyday life. Students develop aesthetic and cultural awareness through exploration, leading to creative expression. Creativity, encouraged through the study of the fine arts, is essential to nurture and develop the whole child.

(2) Four basic strands—foundations: music literacy; creative expression; historical and cultural relevance; and critical evaluation and response—provide broad, unifying structures for organizing the knowledge and skills students are expected to acquire. The foundation of music literacy is fostered through reading, writing, reproducing, and creating music, thus developing a student's intellect. Through creative expression, students apply their music literacy and the critical-thinking skills of music to sing, play, read, write, and/or move. By experiencing musical periods and styles, students will understand the relevance of music to history, culture, and the world, including the relationship of music to other academic disciplines and the vocational possibilities offered. Through critical listening, students analyze, evaluate, and respond to music, developing criteria for making critical judgments and informed choices.

(3) Statements that contain the word "including" reference content that must be mastered, while those containing the phrase "such as" are intended as possible illustrative examples.

(b) Knowledge and skills.

(1) Foundations: music literacy. The student describes and analyzes musical sound. The student is expected to:

(A) distinguish among a variety of musical timbres, including those of children's voices and soprano, alto, tenor, and bass adult voices;

(B) distinguish among a variety of musical timbres, including those of woodwind, brass, string, percussion, keyboard, electronic instruments, and instruments of various cultures;

(C) use known music symbols and terminology referring to rhythm; melody; timbre; form; tempo, including accelerando and ritardando; dynamics; articulation; and meter, including simple and compound, to explain musical sounds presented aurally; and

(D) identify and label small and large musical forms such as abac, AB, and ABA; rondo; and theme and variations presented aurally in simple songs and larger works.

(2) Foundations: music literacy. The student reads, writes, and reproduces music notation using a system. Technology and other tools may be used to read, write, and reproduce musical examples. The student is expected to:

(A) read, write, and reproduce rhythmic patterns using standard notation, including syncopated patterns, and previously learned note values in 2/4, 3/4, or 4/4 meters as appropriate;

(B) read, write, and reproduce extended pentatonic and diatonic melodic patterns using standard staff notation; and

(C) identify and interpret new and previously learned music symbols and terms referring to tempo, including accelerando and ritardando; dynamics; articulation; and meter, including simple and compound.

(3) Creative expression. The student performs a varied repertoire of developmentally appropriate music in informal or formal settings. The student is expected to:
(A) sing and play classroom instruments independently or in groups with accurate intonation and rhythm;

(B) sing or play a varied repertoire of music such as American folk songs, patriotic music, and folk songs representative of local and world cultures independently or in groups;

(C) move alone and with others to a varied repertoire of music using gross motor, fine motor, locomotor, and non-locomotor skills and integrated movement such as hands and feet moving together;

(D) perform various folk dances and play parties;

(E) perform simple two-part music, including rhythmic and melodic ostinati, rounds, partner songs, and counter melodies; and

(F) interpret through performance new and previously learned music symbols and terms referring to tempo, including accelerando and ritardando; dynamics; articulation; and meter, including simple and compound.

(4) Creative expression. The student creates and explores new musical ideas within specified guidelines. The student is expected to:

(A) create rhythmic phrases through improvisation and composition;

(B) create melodic phrases through improvisation and composition; and

(C) create simple accompaniments through improvisation and composition.

(5) Historical and cultural relevance. The student examines music in relation to history and cultures. The student is expected to:

(A) perform a varied repertoire of songs, movement, and musical games representative of diverse cultures such as historical folk songs of Texas and America and European and African cultures in America;

(B) perform music representative of Texas and America, including "The Star Spangled Banner";

(C) identify and describe music from diverse genres, styles, periods, and cultures; and

(D) examine the relationships between music and interdisciplinary concepts.

(6) Critical evaluation and response. The student listens to, responds to, and evaluates music and musical performances. The student is expected to:

(A) exhibit audience etiquette during live and recorded performances;

(B) identify known rhythmic and melodic elements in aural examples using appropriate vocabulary;

(C) describe specific musical events such as changes in timbre, form, tempo, dynamics, or articulation in aural examples using appropriate vocabulary;

(D) respond verbally and through movement to short musical examples;

(E) evaluate a variety of compositions and formal or informal musical performances using specific criteria; and

(F) justify personal preferences for specific music works and styles using music vocabulary.

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§117.119. Theatre, Grade 5, Adopted 2013.

(a) Introduction.
(1) The fine arts incorporate the study of dance, music, theatre, and the visual arts to offer unique experiences and empower students to explore realities, relationships, and ideas. These disciplines engage and motivate all students through active learning, critical thinking, and innovative problem solving. The fine arts develop cognitive functioning and increase student academic achievement, higher-order thinking, communication, and collaboration skills, making the fine arts applicable to college readiness, career opportunities, workplace environments, social skills, and everyday life. Students develop aesthetic and cultural awareness through exploration, leading to creative expression. Creativity, encouraged through the study of the fine arts, is essential to nurture and develop the whole child.

(2) Four basic strands--foundations: inquiry and understanding; creative expression; historical and cultural relevance; and critical evaluation and response--provide broad, unifying structures for organizing knowledge and skills students are expected to acquire. Through the foundations: inquiry and understanding strand, students develop a perception of self, human relationships, and the world using elements of drama and conventions of theatre. Through the creative expression strand, students communicate in a dramatic form, engage in artistic thinking, build positive self-concepts, relate interpersonally, and integrate knowledge with other content areas in a relevant manner. Through the historical and cultural relevance strand, students increase their understanding of heritage and traditions in theatre and the diversity of world cultures as expressed in theatre. Through the critical evaluation and response strand, students engage in inquiry and dialogue, accept constructive criticism, revise personal views to promote creative and critical thinking, and develop the ability to appreciate and evaluate live theatre.

(3) Statements that contain the word "including" reference content that must be mastered, while those containing the phrase "such as" are intended as possible illustrative examples.

(b) Knowledge and skills.

(1) Foundations: inquiry and understanding. The student develops concepts about self, human relationships, and the environment using elements of drama and conventions of theatre. The student is expected to:

(A) develop characterization using sensory and emotional recall;
(B) develop body awareness and spatial perceptions using pantomime;
(C) respond to sounds, music, images, language, and literature using movement;
(D) express emotions and relate ideas using interpretive and planned movement and dialogue;
(E) integrate life experiences in dramatic play;
(F) portray environment, character, and actions; and
(G) demonstrate correct use of basic theatrical terminology.

(2) Creative expression: performance. The student interprets characters using the voice and body expressively and creates dramatizations. The student is expected to:

(A) demonstrate safe use of the voice and body;
(B) describe characters, their relationships, and their surroundings in detail;
(C) create movements and portray a character using dialogue appropriately;
(D) dramatize literary selections in unison, pairs, or groups, demonstrating a logical connection of events and describing the characters, their relationships, and their surroundings; and
(E) create simple stories collaboratively through imaginative play, improvisations, and story dramatizations, demonstrating a logical connection of events describing the characters, their relationships, and their surroundings.
§117.A. Creative expression: production. The student applies design, directing, and theatre production concepts and skills. The student is expected to:

(A) demonstrate character, environment, action, and theme using props, costumes, and visual elements;
(B) alter space appropriately to create suitable performance environments for playmaking;
(C) plan dramatizations collaboratively; and
(D) interact cooperatively with others in dramatizations.

(4) Historical and cultural relevance. The student relates theatre to history, society, and culture. The student is expected to:

(A) explain theatre as a reflection of life in particular times, places, cultures, and oral traditions specific to American history;
(B) examine the role of live theatre, film, television, or electronic media throughout American history; and
(C) analyze and compare theatre artists and their contributions to theatre and society.

(5) Critical evaluation and response. The student responds to and evaluates theatre and theatrical performances. The student is expected to:

(A) analyze and apply appropriate audience behavior at a variety of performances;
(B) compare visual, aural, oral, and kinetic aspects of informal and formal theatre with the elements of art, dance, or music; and
(C) identify and discuss how movement, music, or visual elements enhance ideas and emotions depicted in theatre.

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