# Visual Arts Curriculum Outcomes K-8 

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This document outlines the outcomes for Visual Arts for Grades K-8. It identifies the skills, attitudes, knowledge and understandings that students must demonstrate at the end of Grades 2,5 and 8 .

The intention of the document is to inform administrators, teachers, parents and students of the expectations of the public school system regarding achievement and progress in the visual arts.

Visual Arts curricula contain five related components which taken together offer a comprehensive developmental program:

| MATERIALS AND TECHNIQUES | ELEMENTS OF ART AND PRINCIPLES OF DESIGN | DEVELOPMENT OF IMAGERY | VISUAL AWARENESS | RESPONDING TO ART |
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| deals with exploration, choice and mastery of a variety of artistic media to solve visual challenges and to communicate visually. This is the most detailed component because of the emphasis on art exploration and production. | - includes the correct use of the language of art and an understanding of basic structure of art works. | - focuses on the need to encourage students' imagination in order to produce works of art that are creative, reflective, and personal. | - refers to the ability to observe and record the everyday world and create from memory. | - promotes critical thinking in describing, analyzing and judging art, develops a personal response to art, and stresses the importance of art for individuals and societies, past and present. |

The five components employ the following organization: The outcome is identified stating what the student must be able to demonstrate. Listed below are skills and understandings that are directly related to the outcome. Mastery of these skills and understandings are necessary to ensure achievement of the outcome. This format applies to the three identified grades (grades $2,5,8$ ).

The identified outcomes contribute to the outcomes of both the K-8 Foundation Document and the Essential Graduation Learnings of the Atlantic Canada Educational Foundation.

There are a number of curriculum documents that offer activities and strategies to support the attainment of the visual arts outcomes. These are available from the Instructional Resources Branch, Department of Education and are listed with title number:

Young Children Learning 841620
Art Education Sample Lesson Plans Grade 1-3 8426200
Junior High Art Education Curriculum Guide 250010
Computer Integrated Art Lessons 840550

Elementary Art Curriculum Guide 250020
Art Education Sample Lesson Plans Grades 4-6 (pilot)
Art Education 7, 8, 9 Resource Document (reprinting)
Art History Modules 841060

## VISUAL ARTS OUTCOMES (Grades K-2)

By the end of grade 2 students will:

| MATERIALS AND TECHNIQUES |
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| Manipulate and experiment with art materials such as <br> pencils, paint, wax crayons, pastels, markers, computer <br> software, paper, clay and paste. |

Painting:
demonstrate proper painting behaviour, e.g., cooperating with others, correct holding of brush, cleaning brush and applying paint to a surface apply different brush strokes to suggest lines of varying thickness and density
experiment with a painting resist over wax crayon and/or oil pastel

Paper Manipulation
tear and cut paper to achieve desired results

- apply correct gluing technique, i.e., economically and effectively
create a collage by cutting, tearing, sorting overlapping, gluing
follow a sequence of simple directions, e.g., fold paper, cut along crease to make a symmetrical shape or stencil

Drawing Explorations

- produce different line densities by drawing with light and heavy pressure
experiment, using crayons and pastels, with overlapping colours to create additional colours and textures
experiment with the tip and flat side of crayon and pencil

Printmaking
explore introductory printmaking techniques e.g., stamping- using fingers, hands, vegetables, clay, erasers, found objects to create a repeated pattern stencils - enclosed cut paper design rubbings - using found objects

Three Dimensional Exploration:
experiment with modeling techniques using clay,
plasticine, playdough, e.g., pinch, push, coil, and
additive techniques to create a product.
experiment with papier mâché.

| ELEMENTS OF ART AND <br> PRINCIPLES OF DESIGN |
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| Recognize and discriminate among the <br> art elements (colour, line, texture, <br> shape) in their art work, the work of <br> artists, in nature and other objects in <br> their total environment. |

- mix primary colours to create secondary colours to express an idea, experience, or to depict a place
experiment with white and black to create tints and shades
- explore the expressive qualities of warm colours and cool colours
- create various line patterns, e.g., stripes, spirals, zig zags and jagged lines
- create designs with different simple shapes

| DEVELOPMENT OF IMAGERY |
| :---: |
| Create art works based on memory, imagination, and fantasy, including responses to music and literature. |

create images from experiences, ideas and imagination
discuss visual ideas they and others create

- recognize they have unique artistic expression
- create images that reflect their interpretation of or feelings about a piece of music, story or poem.

VISUAL AWARENESS
Describe images that are derived from a variety of sources, e.g., books, photographs, art works.
recognize that illustrations hold
meaning and are
intended to work
together with print to
tell a story
distinguish among photographs, book illustrations,
advertisements.

RESPONDING TO ART
Demonstrate a willingness to discuss variety of art and formulate personal responses.
categorize examples of images based on subject matter, e.g., portraits, landscape, still life

- describe one artist's style
- describe works of art by identifying lines, colours, shapes, content details, and exploring possible meanings.


## VISUAL ARTS OUTCOMES (Grades 3-5)

## By the end of grade 5 students will:

| MATERIALS AND TECHNIQUES |
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| Choose from a variety of art media to express a feeling, to communicate a <br> message and represent people, places and objects. |

## Painting.

explore different painting techniques, e.g., dry brush, wet brush, overpainting, stippling, paint qualities (opaque, transparent)
paint on various scales, e.g., large and small

- complete simple mixed media investigations, e.g., paint over wax crayons or oil pastels to create a resist effect
plan and complete a painting independently
Paper Manipulation:
identify horizontal and vertical orientation of paper position and demonstrate appropriate choice to complete work
use a variety of paper manipulation techniques, e.g., folding, curling, weaving, overlapping to create a collage, montage or mobile understand that a two-dimensional surface can become threedimensional by various paper manipulation and additive techniques demonstrate a variety of attachment techniques, e.g., tying, stapling, taping, folding, slotting, gluing

Drawing Explorations:
predict and control overlapping or blending of colours to create desired result

- use light and heavy pressure leading to investigations in value
- draw over a painting using various stick media, e.g., crayons, pastels,
colour pencils
experiment with lines to create a crayon etching


## Printmaking

explain how an image created on one surface will be reversed when printed

Technology:

- demonstrate the use of basic paint program menu options, to create, save and print a design or image applying knowledge of the elements of art
name various sources that supply information on art, e.g., CD ROM, internet, libraries


## Materials:

use common tools and materials safely and independently with decreasing teacher intervention

## DEVELOPMENT OF IMAGERY

## Create an art work,

independently, based on memory, observation, imagination, fantasy, mood and in response to expressive art forms, e.g., dance, drama music and literature.
use warm, cool, light, dark colours for expressive and representational purposes - apply different kinds of line in their own artwork and identify line in the work of artists and in nature

- recognize size relationships, near/far, over/under, different planes, i.e., foreground,
background, mid-ground
- identify different categories of shape (organic, inorganic, geometric)
- discuss simple compositional elements in their art work and the art work of others, e.g., horizontal line, area of emphasis, symmetrical balance, repeating shape
generate and select ideas for art work
use a variety of sources to stimulate ideas on art work,
e.g., poems, songs, the
environment
use a variety of subject matter in their art work
demonstrate self-confidence and eagerness toward their art production, expression and discussion
develop observational skills e.g., details to enrich
personal images

| VISUAL AWARENESS |
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| Describe visual properties and <br> qualities in the world around <br> them. |


| RESPONDING TO <br> ART |
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| Describe art works <br> using appropriate <br> vocabulary. |

identify art elements in the natural and manufactured world

- use a variety of sources for images, such as, memory, fantasy, observation and recording
practice and develop observation and memory skills
recognize that a response to art involves feelings, understandings and knowledge, e.g., medium, subject matter, and composition
- describe how people may have different responses to an art work
recognize
different styles among classmates and artists artworks

VISUAL ARTS OUTCOMES (Grades 6-8)
By the end of grade 8 students will:

| MATERIALS AND TECHNIQUES |
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| Create works of art using identified media and corresponding techniques appropriate to their artistic <br> development. |
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Painting:

- make appropriate choices of paint brush size to achieve desired results
- predict and demonstrate desired results using tempera paint to achieve: opaque and transparent effects, variety of brush strokes, subtleties of colour mixing

Drawing:

- create a feeling of movement in a drawing, i.e., gesture
- practice careful observation for drawing a variety of objects, e.g., still life, portrait and landscape - create contour drawings
- draw what is seen instead of what is known
- recognize and practice showing depth, i.e., converging lines, size diminishment, loss of detail, fore-mid-background relationships, linear overlapping, placement


## Printmaking:

- identify and use appropriately printmaking tools, e.g., brayer, carving tools, printing inks, squeegee
- demonstrate a variety of printmaking techniques, e.g., rubbings, relief prints
- draw a design, prepare the printing plate and produce a print using one colour
- recognize the wide variety of applications of printmaking techniques, e.g., license plates, crests, clothing
- explain the documentation of printed editions

Three-Dimensional Work:
recognize and understand the difference between sculpture and three-dimensional design that is functional, e.g., desk, chair, telephone

- explain the difference between relief sculpture and sculpture-in-the-round
- demonstrate additive and subtractive construction processes'
- demonstrate proper design and construction considerations with different media, such as paper cardboard, wood, wire, soap, clay
- identify the relationships between an armature and the finished form

Technology:

- demonstrate an understanding of the elements of art and principles of design using the computer to generate images
- create design/images on subjects, topics and themes relevant to the art and other curriculum areas


## Materials:

- use tools, materials and equipment safely and appropriately
- recognize the difference among various common art papers, mark making media, adhesives and suggest appropriate uses for each

| ELEMENTS OF <br> ART AND <br> PRINCIPLES OF <br> DESIGN |
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| Demonstrate skill in <br> organizing the elements <br> of art to create images <br> that convey a personal <br> message and provide <br> evidence of observation <br> skills. |

- identify and use complementary
colours for
expressive purposes
define the term
contour and
recognize how it
creates a shape
explain the
difference between
shape and form
recognize and
describe the
principles of design in the world around them, e.g., balance, emphasis, repetition and movement

| DEVELOPMENT <br> OF IMAGERY |
| :--- |
| Create art works based <br> on a response to a <br> variety of art styles, e.g., <br> Realism, Impressionism <br> and Renaissance. |

- explain preferences of style in their art production
- explain how
subject matter can
be treated
differently
- create an image and modify i using another medium

illustrate form through the use of cross-hatching, continuous line, layering, stippling
- demonstrate the relationship of the parts to the whole e.g., proportion
- practice careful observation in various settings depicting a variet of subjects

RESPONDING TO ART

Explain the importance of art for both individuals and society
explain the difference between personal preference and critical
judgment

- describe in simple terms two art movements or styles
- list artistic
characteristics of a style or movement and relate and compare these to personal art making experience, e.g., use of perspective
name several exemplars and prominent artists of a particular style
- describe how art is created and used for different
purposes, e.g., social, commercial, personal and
religious
access information on art history and artists using CD ROM technology and information networks

