



Augusta County Elementary Art Curriculum

Introduction, Safety Guidelines, and Ethical Procedures



INTRODUCTION

One of the first ways a child communicates in life is through Art. We, as visual arts educators, will strive to instill a love of art in each child that we teach.

Based on the Virginia Standards of Learning, we will provide the students with opportunities to experience a variety of art media and techniques. Students will also become aware of art from other times, people, and places.

We will help to inspire students to incorporate art into their lifestyles as a hobby or career and to understand that their works of art are a valuable and unique expression of themselves.

The following Art Curriculum is written to assist you in achieving these goals.

For additional ideas on Instructional Strategies and Correlations go to the Department of Education website www.doe.virginia.gov.

SAFETY GUIDELINES

While implementing the instructional program for visual arts, teachers must make sure that students know and follow the safety guidelines in the classroom while using the materials and equipment.

Teachers must be mindful of the student's age levels when selecting these materials and tools. Teachers must use, store, and dispose of all art materials properly.

The following are general rules to follow:

- No dust or powders
- No chemical solvents or solvent-containing products
- No aerosol strays, air brush paints, or other propellants
- No acids, alkalis, bleaches, or other corrosive chemicals
- No donated or found materials, unless ingredients are known
- No old materials, as they may be more toxic and have inadequate labeling
- No lead, metals, or cadmium products, as found in paints, glazes, metal work, and stained glass

High risk students (hearing or visual impaired, physical disabilities, or asthma, take medication, or are emotionally disturbed) are at greater than usual risk from toxic materials and should be treated the care and special attention when using potentially harmful art materials.

Use properly labeled materials.

Art educators are responsible for the safety of materials they order and use in the classroom. Only art materials and supplies that are manufactured and labeled for art classrooms should be used for your projects and activities.

ETHICAL PROCEDURES

Augusta County Public School art students are expected to perform honestly through the production of their own work and adhere to the ACPS Code of Conduct. All artwork should be original. Use images from the internet with caution. Ideally, work from life or use personal photographs. Carefully read the use requirements on any web site. Pictures from the Internet should be fully cited. Permission from the website owner/administrator to use a picture may be necessary. Copying images, plagiarism, and instructors will determine if it is beyond duplication.