Delaware Standards for Visual and Performing Arts

Grade-Level & Proficiency-Level Expectations

High School



Anchor Standard 7: Perceive and analyze artistic work

VA:Re7.1a

Enduring Understanding: Individual aesthetic and empathetic awareness developed through engagement with art can lead to understanding and appreciation of self, others, the natural world, and constructed environments.

Essential Question(s): How do life experiences influence the way you relate to art? How does learning about art impact how we perceive the world? What can we learn from our responses to art?

HS Proficient	HS Accomplished	HS Advanced
VA:Re.7.1.Ia	VA:Re.7.1.IIa	VA:Re.7.1.IIIa
Hypothesize ways in which art influences perception and understanding of human experiences.	Recognize and describe personal aesthetic and empathetic responses to the natural world and constructed environments.	Analyze how responses to art develop over time based on knowledge of and experience with art and life.
I CAN hypothesize ways in which art influences perception and understanding of human experiences.	I CAN recognize and describe personal aesthetic and empathetic responses to the natural world and constructed environments.	I CAN analyze how responses to art develop over time based on knowledge of and experience with art and life.

Anchor Standard 7: Perceive and analyze artistic work

VA:Re7.2a

Enduring Understanding: Visual imagery influences understanding of and response to the world.

Essential Question(s): What is an image? Where and how do we encounter images in our world? How do images influence our views of the world?

HS Proficient	HS Accomplished	HS Advanced
VA:Re.7.2.Ia	VA:Re.7.2.IIa	VA:Re.7.2.IIIa
Evaluate the effectiveness of an image or images to influence ideas, feelings, and behaviors of specific audiences.	Recognize and describe personal aesthetic and empathetic responses to the natural world and constructed environments.	Determine the commonalities within a group of artists or visual images attributed to a particular type of art, timeframe, or culture.
I CAN evaluate the effectiveness of an image or images to influence ideas, feelings, and behaviors of specific audiences.	I CAN recognize and describe personal aesthetic and empathetic responses to the natural world and constructed environments.	I CAN determine the commonalities with a group of artists or visual images attributed to a particular type of art, timeframe, or culture.

Anchor Standard 8: Interpret intent and meaning in artistic work.

VA:Re8.1a

Enduring Understanding: People gain insights into meanings of artworks by engaging in the process of art criticism.

Essential Question(s): What is the value of engaging in the process of art criticism? How can the viewer "read" a work of art as text? How does knowing and using visual art vocabularies help us understand and interpret works of art?

HS Proficient	HS Accomplished	HS Advanced
VA:Re8.1.Ia	VA:Re8.1.IIa	VA:Re8.1.IIIa
Interpret an artwork or collection of works,	Identify types of contextual information	Analyze differing interpretations of an
supported by relevant and sufficient	useful in the process of constructing	artwork or collection of works in order to
evidence found in the work and its various	interpretations of an artwork or collection	select and defend a plausible critical
contexts.	of works.	analysis.
I CAN interpret an artwork or collection of	I CAN identify types of contextual	I CAN analyze differing interpretations of
works, supported by relevant and	information useful in the process of	an artwork or collection of works in order
sufficient evidence found in the work and	constructing interpretations of an artwork	to select and defend a plausible critical
its various contexts.	or collection of works.	analysis.

Anchor Standard 9: Apply criteria to evaluate artistic work.

VA:Re9.1a

Enduring Understanding: People evaluate art based on various criteria.

Essential Question(s): How does one determine criteria to evaluate a work of art? How and why might criteria vary? How is a personal preference different from an evaluation?

HS Proficient	HS Accomplished	HS Advanced
VA:Re9.1.Ia	VA:Re9.1.IIa	VA:Re9.1.IIIa
Establish relevant criteria in order to	Determine the relevance of criteria used by	Construct evaluations of a work of art or
evaluate a work of art or collection of	others to evaluate a work of art or	collection of works based on differing sets
works.	collection of works.	of criteria.
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evaluate a work of art or collection of	used by others to evaluate a work of art or	art or collection of works based on
works.	collection of works.	differing sets of criteria.