



Kindergarten Curriculum Curriculum Revised  
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## **Mission Statement**

Pace Charter School of Hamilton, Department of Visual and Performing Arts is committed to increasing opportunities for all students K-6 to participate in and understand the arts.

We all share the common belief that the arts are one of humanity's most eloquent means of understanding the world. Through the arts, we share the highest achievements of every culture and find a universal language which permits communication among all peoples. As such, the arts are an essential component of a complete education.

Through the years, studies have discovered that the inclusion of the performing arts in a broad-based curriculum improves the quality of a child's educational experience. The arts teach discipline, improve self-esteem, inspire creativity, and help young people to set and reach goals. Knowledge of the arts makes our district a challenging place where our children are encouraged to explore, to create, and to reach their full potential.

## **Vision Statement**

The arts are a critical and essential part of the education of every young person in America, and every American should have high-quality opportunities to be educated in all of the arts. Such an education should occur both in and out of classroom settings as part of an ongoing learning process for all individuals, including those with special talents or needs.

A comprehensive arts education draws upon the expertise of both arts specialists and classroom teachers, and upon the experiences and resources of professional artists and community cultural resources. Only by utilizing all of these resources can individuals achieve the full educational potential of the arts.

## **Course Description**

This Elementary Art Education Curriculum Guide provides a description of information, objectives, procedures and materials. The guide is organized by grade levels kindergarten through sixth. All students will progress toward the basic literacy of the elements of art and principles of design. Students will learn

how to effectively use art media and materials, and experience techniques that are associated with each. Interdisciplinary connections are stated where applicable.

Areas of content include the Elements of art: Line, Shape, Form, Value, Color, Space, and Texture, and the Principles of Design: Balance, Harmony, Unity, Emphasis, Proportion, and Rhythm/Movement.

Differentiated learning generates the format to include appropriate educational links to all aspects of study at the elementary grade level. Art history and cultural connections, as well as work readiness skills, are documented in written plans. New Jersey Core Curriculum Standards are included, noted and up to date. Accommodations and modifications are made for special needs.

Students have exposure to famous works of art and themes throughout historical periods and world cultures. In addition to the suggested activities in this guide, teachers may choose to enforce artistic skills through the inclusion of special poster contests, exhibits or displays, and/or holiday projects.

Technology may be used for audio-visual education and/or research. Lessons may be enhanced with the use of computers, video cameras, CD/DVD programs, audio and video technology.

Unit 1: Art Production	
<b>Content Area: Visual and Performing Arts</b>	
<b>Course &amp; Grade Level: Art, Grade 1</b>	
Summary and Rationale	
<p>In order to understand the artistic process, students are introduced to: generating ideas and invention, developing ideas and selection, using media and techniques of production, personal fulfillment and expression, and judging performance and evaluation.</p> <p>To produce works of art, students are introduced to: sources of ideas from the world around them; from inner feelings; from human needs; from fantasies; from experimentation; and from formal systems of order, changing and alternating habits of work, making appropriate choices, use and care of tools and material, considering functional ends and purposes, and applying standards of judgment.</p> <p>So that students can find pleasure and fulfillment in the artistic process, they are encouraged to: hold positive attitudes toward art and artists, be open-minded toward artistic experimentation, empathize with artists and the process of their work, participate in activities related to art, and value art as an important realm of human production.</p>	
Recommended Pacing	
10 Days	
State Standards	
<b>Visual and Performing Arts Standard 1.1 The Creative Process:</b> All students will demonstrate an understanding of the elements and principles that govern the creation of works of art in dance, music, theatre, and visual art.	
CPI #	Cumulative Progress Indicator (CPI)
1.1.2.D.1	Identify the basic elements of art and principles of design in diverse types of artwork.
1.1.2.D.2	Identify elements of art and principles of design in specific works of art and explain how they are used.
<b>Standard 1.2 History of the Arts and Culture:</b> All students will understand the role, development, and influence of the arts throughout history and across cultures.	
CPI #	Cumulative Progress Indicator (CPI)
1.2.2.A.1	Identify characteristic theme-based works of dance, music, theatre, and visual art, such as artworks based on the themes of family and community, from various historical periods and world cultures.
<b>Standard 1.3 Performance:</b> All students will synthesize those skills, media, methods, and technologies appropriate to creating, performing, and/or presenting works of art in dance, music, theatre, and visual art.	
1.3.2.D.1	Create two- and three-dimensional works of art using the basic elements of color, line, shape, form, texture, and space, as well as a variety of art mediums and application methods.
1.3.2.D.3	Employ basic verbal and visual art vocabulary to demonstrate knowledge of the materials, tools, and methodologies used to create and tell visual stories.
1.3.2.D.4	Explore the use of a wide array of art mediums and select tools that are appropriate to the production of works of art in a variety of art media.
1.3.2.D.5	Create works of art that are based on observations of the physical world and that illustrate how art is part of everyday life, using a variety of art mediums and art media.
<b>Standard 1.4 Aesthetic Responses &amp; Critique Methodologies:</b> All students will demonstrate and apply an	

understanding of arts philosophies, judgment, and analysis to works of art in dance, music, theatre, and visual art.	
1.4.2.B.2	Apply the principles of positive critique in giving and receiving responses to performances.
1.4.2.B.3	Recognize the making subject or theme in works of dance, music, theatre, and visual art.
<b>Instructional Focus</b>	
<b>Unit Enduring Understandings</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Artists get ideas from the world around them</li> <li>One way to get ideas for making art is to think about people, places, and things that have special meaning to you</li> <li>Artists get ideas from <a href="#">using and</a> exploring different combinations of lines, shapes, colors, etc.</li> <li>Art encourages an awareness and appreciation of beauty and design.</li> <li><a href="#">Art makes you feel certain emotions</a> .</li> <li><a href="#">Color, line, shape, form, texture, space, and value are the building blocks for art.</a></li> <li>The principles of art are the inspired arrangement of the elements.</li> <li>The manipulation of elements and principles allows the artist to create meaning.</li> <li>The elements and principles of design are everywhere.</li> <li><a href="#">Art Can take us back in time, and to many different places.</a></li> <li><a href="#">Artists need to learn to properly use even the most basic tools and materials</a></li> </ul>	
<b>Unit Essential Questions</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>How do artists express their ideas?</li> <li>Should artists always know what their work will look like in the end?</li> <li>Is skill necessary to make successful artwork?</li> <li><a href="#">How can we create art that is realistic?</a></li> <li><a href="#">How can we create art that is abstract and design/ element based?</a></li> <li>How do <a href="#">we use color, shape, line, form, texture, and space to create</a> art?</li> <li>How do the principles guide the creation of art?</li> <li>How do the elements and principles of design help communicate ideas?</li> <li>How does knowing the elements and principles of design impact our visual experience?</li> <li>What can art tell us about ourselves and our surroundings?</li> </ul>	
<b>Objectives</b>	
<b>Students will know:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>One thing to consider when making art is how to use the materials and take care of the tools</li> <li>One way to change ideas when making art is to try different ways of combining and repeating lines, shapes, and colors</li> <li><a href="#">Repeat and practice</a> basic art terms</li> </ul> <b>Students will be able to:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identify the source and describe the significance of an idea for one of their own artworks</li> <li>Use appropriate media for specific purposes</li> <li><a href="#">Be able to use art materials safely and properly</a></li> <li>Repeat lines, shapes and colors to create a pattern</li> <li>Discover color mixing</li> <li>Make family drawings and pattern designs from nature</li> </ul>	
<b>Resources</b>	
<b>Core Text:</b> <b>Suggested Resources:</b>	

Unit 2: Art History	
<b>Content Area: Visual and Performing Arts</b>	
<b>Course &amp; Grade Level: Art, Grade 1</b>	
Summary and Rationale	
<p>In order to understand the history of art, students are introduced to art works from the six continents of the world: Asia, Africa, Central and South America, Oceania, North America and Europe. Also, students are presented with a simplified chronological history of western art, focusing on the following periods and styles: Egypt, Greece and Rome, The Middle Ages, The Renaissance and Baroque, Nineteenth Century Europe and America, and Late Nineteenth Century and Twentieth Century. In order to engage in art historical inquiry, students are introduced to five skills of art historical inquiry: imagine restoration, description, attribution, historical interpretation and historical explanation of change.</p>	
Recommended Pacing	
10 Days	
State Standards	
<b>Visual and Performing Arts Standard 1.1 The Creative Process:</b> All students will demonstrate an understanding of the elements and principles that govern the creation of works of art in dance, music, theatre, and visual art.	
CPI #	Cumulative Progress Indicator (CPI)
1.1.2.D.1	Identify the basic elements of art and principles of design in diverse types of artwork.
1.1.2.D.2	Identify elements of art and principles of design in specific works of art and explain how they are used.
<b>Standard 1.2 History of the Arts and Culture:</b> All students will understand the role, development, and influence of the arts throughout history and across cultures.	
CPI #	Cumulative Progress Indicator (CPI)
1.2.2.A.1	Identify characteristic theme-based works of dance, music, theatre, and visual art, such as artworks based on the themes of family and community, from various historical periods and world cultures.
1.2.2.A.2	Identify how artists and specific works of dance, music, theatre, and visual art reflect, and are affected by, past and present cultures.
<b>Standard 1.3 Performance:</b> All students will synthesize those skills, media, methods, and technologies appropriate to creating, performing, and/or presenting works of art in dance, music, theatre, and visual art.	
1.3.2.D.1	Create two- and three-dimensional works of art using the basic elements of color, line, shape, form, texture, and space, as well as a variety of art mediums and application methods.
1.3.2.D.3	Employ basic verbal and visual art vocabulary to demonstrate knowledge of the materials, tools, and methodologies used to create and tell visual stories.
1.3.2.D.4	Explore the use of a wide array of art mediums and select tools that are appropriate to the production of works of art in a variety of art media.
1.3.2.D.5	Create works of art that are based on observations of the physical world and that illustrate how art is part of everyday life, using a variety of art mediums and art media.
<b>Standard 1.4 Aesthetic Responses &amp; Critique Methodologies:</b> All students will demonstrate and apply an understanding of arts philosophies, judgment, and analysis to works of art in dance, music, theatre, and visual art.	
1.4.2.B.2	Apply the principles of positive critique in giving and receiving responses to performances.
1.4.2.B.3	Recognize the making subject or theme in works of dance, music, theatre, and visual art.
Instructional Focus	

<b>Unit Enduring Understandings</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Artists get ideas from the world around them</li> <li>• One way to get ideas for making art is to think about people, places, and things that have special meaning to you</li> <li>• Artists get ideas from manipulating and exploring different combinations of lines, shapes, colors, etc.</li> <li>• Art encourages an awareness and appreciation of beauty and design.</li> <li>• Art elicits personal meaning and emotional responses.</li> <li>• Elements are the building blocks for the creation of art.</li> <li>• The principles of art are the inspired arrangement of the elements.</li> <li>• The manipulation of elements and principles allows the artist to create meaning.</li> <li>• The elements and principles of design are everywhere.</li> <li>• Art has the power to extend an individual's sense of history, personal frame of reference and the world around them.</li> </ul>
<b>Unit Essential Questions</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How do artists express their ideas?</li> <li>• Should artists always know what their work will look like in the end?</li> <li>• Is skill necessary to make successful artwork?</li> <li>• How do the elements guide the creation of art?</li> <li>• How do the principles guide the creation of art?</li> <li>• How do the elements and principles of design help communicate ideas?</li> <li>• How does knowing the elements and principles of design impact our visual experience?</li> <li>• What can art tell us about ourselves and our surroundings?</li> <li>• Who were some famous artists in history?</li> <li>• What are some famous pieces of art?</li> <li>• Is new art better than old art?</li> </ul>
<b>Objectives</b> <p><b>Students will know:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Art works have been produced all over the world</li> <li>• The different forms of art of Pre-historic, South American and Pre-Columbian Man</li> <li>• Styles of different time periods of art in the United States</li> <li>• Famous works of art</li> <li>• Styles of several famous artists</li> <li>• Names of several famous artists</li> <li>• How cultures use symbols in their art</li> <li>• One way to change ideas when making art is to try different ways of combining and repeating lines, shapes, and colors</li> <li>• Articulate basic art terms</li> </ul> <p><b>Students will be able to:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Produce an art form using motivational and techniques of Cave painting or Pre-historic art form</li> <li>• Identify the source and describe the significance of an idea for one of their own artworks</li> <li>• Use appropriate media for specific purposes</li> <li>• Repeat lines, shapes and colors to create a pattern</li> <li>• Discover color mixing</li> <li>• Make family drawings and pattern designs from nature</li> <li>• Value the art historical process as a way of coming to know another time and place</li> <li>• Appreciate art as a way of understanding the point of view of persons of other cultures or other times</li> <li>• Appreciate historical art as a way to honor time periods and cultures</li> <li>• Value art as an important realm of human accomplishments which can inform us about how we have come to be who we are</li> <li>• Value one's own capacities to make sense of one's own artistic development (both as artists and as</li> </ul>

perceivers)

- Create art in the style of various famous artists, and time periods
- Create art in the style of various cultures



Resources	
Core Text:	
Suggested Resources:	

Unit 3: Art Criticism	
<b>Content Area: Visual and Performing Arts</b>	
<b>Course &amp; Grade Level: Art, Grade 1</b>	
Summary and Rationale	
Students will understand the visual aspects of art, engage in the process of art criticism, and appreciate the value of discussing art. Supplementary goals will include: communication skills, critical and analytical thinking, self-esteem, and understanding and respecting others in the art process. In order to understand art, students are given the opportunity to talk about: sensory, expressive, formal, and technical qualities.	
Recommended Pacing	
10 Days	
State Standards	
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1.1.2.D.2	Identify elements of art and principles of design in specific works of art and explain how they are used.
<b>Standard 1.2 History of the Arts and Culture:</b> All students will understand the role, development, and influence of the arts throughout history and across cultures.	
CPI #	Cumulative Progress Indicator (CPI)
1.2.2.A.1	Identify characteristic theme-based works of dance, music, theatre, and visual art, such as artworks based on the themes of family and community, from various historical periods and world cultures.
1.2.2.A.2	Identify how artists and specific works of dance, music, theatre, and visual art reflect, and are affected by, past and present cultures.
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1.3.2.D.4	Explore the use of a wide array of art mediums and select tools that are appropriate to the production of works of art in a variety of art media.
1.3.2.D.5	Create works of art that are based on observations of the physical world and that illustrate how art is part of everyday life, using a variety of art mediums and art media.
<b>Standard 1.4 Aesthetic Responses &amp; Critique Methodologies:</b> All students will demonstrate and apply an understanding of arts philosophies, judgment, and analysis to works of art in dance, music, theatre, and visual art.	
1.4.2.B.1	Observe the basic arts elements in performances and exhibitions and use them to formulate objective assessments of artworks in dance, music, theatre, and visual art.
1.4.2.B.2	Apply the principles of positive critique in giving and receiving responses to performances.
1.4.2.B.3	Recognize the making subject or theme in works of dance, music, theatre, and visual art.
Instructional Focus	
<b>Unit Enduring Understandings</b>	

- The critical process of observing, describing, analyzing, interpreting and evaluating leads to informed judgments regarding the relative merits of artworks.
- The critique process establishes a relationship between viewer and artist.
- Art has its own accepted vocabulary that provides a means to discuss, analyze, and evaluate art.
- Understanding art is an informed and critical process. The artistic process is not complete when the process is finished, and that there are also processes involved in looking at art
- Elements are the building blocks for the creation of art.
- The principles of art are the inspired arrangement of the elements.
- The manipulation of elements and principles allows the artist to create meaning.
- The elements and principles of design are everywhere.

### Unit Essential Questions

- [What is a critique?](#)
- Why critique art?
- Can art really be evaluated?
- Is art objective or subjective?
- Can it be both objective and subjective?
- Which is more important, the artist's intention or the viewer's response?
- Whose view is more important?
- Why is specific vocabulary necessary in order to successfully evaluate art?
- What does a viewer need to know in order to understand an artwork?
- Do some viewpoints have more merit than others? Why?
- [Is some art better than other art?](#)
- [What is abstract art?](#)
- [What is representational art?](#)

### Objectives

#### Students will know:

- Articulate basic art terms
- [The differences between different art styles](#)
- [How to evaluate and discuss art including elements of art and principles of design](#)
- [How to discuss opinions](#)
- One way to look at art is to focus on subject matter

#### Students will be able to:

- Describe the subject matter in works of art
- [Learn new perspectives of the aesthetic world](#)
- Appreciate art as a way of understanding the point of view of persons of other cultures or other times
- Observe the basic arts elements in performances and exhibitions and use them to formulate objective assessments of artworks
- Apply the principles of positive critique in giving and receiving responses to performances.
- Recognize the making subject or theme in visual art

### Resources

#### Core Text:

#### Suggested Resources:

Unit 4: Philosophy of Art	
<b>Content Area: Visual and Performing Arts</b>	
<b>Course &amp; Grade Level: Art, Grade 1</b>	
Summary and Rationale	
<p>In order to understand the philosophy of art, students are introduced to some of the things that concern philosophers of art: diverse questions about the nature and significance of art, aesthetic experience, and art criticism; appropriate use of words and statements to think and talk about these questions; appropriate use of definitions; reasons to support what they say; and theories of art, aesthetic experience and art criticism. In order to engage in aesthetic inquiry, students are introduced to skills in philosophical reasoning: listening carefully to others' points of views; making general statements; selecting and evaluating use of words; presenting and evaluating use of statements; presenting and evaluating use of definitions; presenting and evaluating reason in support of positions; and recognizing philosophical issues. In coming to appreciate the value of aesthetic inquiry, students are encouraged to: inquire into the nature and significance of art and into the presuppositions of art history and art criticism; appreciate the enterprise of giving and assessing reasons; realize that there are alternative answers to questions that give rise to inquiry into the nature and significance of art and into the presuppositions of art history and art criticism; and respect alternative answers so long as they are backed by reason.</p>	
Recommended Pacing	
10 Days	
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1.3.2.D.4	Explore the use of a wide array of art mediums and select tools that are appropriate to the production of works of art in a variety of art media.
1.3.2.D.5	Create works of art that are based on observations of the physical world and that illustrate how art

	is part of everyday life, using a variety of art mediums and art media.
<b>Standard 1.4 Aesthetic Responses &amp; Critique Methodologies:</b> All students will demonstrate and apply an understanding of arts philosophies, judgment, and analysis to works of art in dance, music, theatre, and visual art.	
1.4.2.A.1	Identify aesthetic qualities of exemplary works of art in dance, music, theatre, and visual art, and identify characteristics of the artists who created them (e.g., gender, age, absence or presence of training, style, etc.).
1.4.2.A.2	Compare and contrast culturally and historically diverse works of dance, music, theatre, and visual art that evoke emotion and that communicate cultural meaning.
1.4.2.A.3	Use imagination to create a story based on an arts experience that communicated an emotion or feeling, and tell the story through each of the four arts disciplines (dance, music, theatre, and visual art).
1.4.2.A.4	Distinguish patterns in nature found in works of dance, music, theatre, and visual art.
<b>Instructional Focus</b>	
<b>Unit Enduring Understandings</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Art encourages an awareness and appreciation of beauty and design.</li> <li>• Art elicits personal meaning and emotional responses.</li> <li>• There are multiple aesthetic philosophies that leaves art open to interpretation.</li> <li>• <a href="#">Art is a personal expression, and that expression can be discussed</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Art can be made for a variety of different reasons</a></li> <li>• Art is a language for personal expression and communication that helps create meaning.</li> </ul>	
<b>Unit Essential Questions</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How do the visual arts foster an appreciation for beauty and design?</li> <li>• <a href="#">Why do people create works of art?</a></li> <li>• In what ways can people respond to artwork?</li> <li>• How are connections made between the viewer and artwork?</li> <li>• How does a viewer's personal experience affect their response?</li> <li>• <a href="#">Can 2 viewer's have a different opinion about the same piece?</a></li> <li>• What makes a piece of art valuable?</li> <li>• How do artists express their ideas?</li> </ul>	
<b>Objectives</b>	
<p><b>Students will know:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Articulate basic art terms</li> <li>• One way to look at art is to focus on subject matter</li> <li>• One complicated question in the philosophy of art is "How the visual art is similar to and different from other arts?"</li> <li>• <a href="#">What is unique about visual arts?</a></li> </ul> <p><b>Students will be able to:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identify aesthetic qualities of exemplary works of art and identify characteristics of the artists who created them (e.g., gender, age, absence or presence of training, style, etc.).</li> <li>• Compare and contrast culturally and historically diverse works of visual art that evoke emotion and that communicate cultural meaning.</li> <li>• Use imagination to create a story based on an arts experience that communicated an emotion or feeling, and tell the story through visual art.</li> <li>• Distinguish patterns in nature found in works of visual art.</li> <li>• <a href="#">Distinguish elements of art and principles of design in design based works of art.</a></li> </ul>	
<b>Resources</b>	
<p><b>Core Text:</b></p> <p><b>Suggested Resources:</b></p>	