

# **Glassboro Public Schools Office of Curriculum and Instruction**

	Instructional Unit Map		
Course Title: Art Portfoli	0		
Teacher	Shane Davis	Start Date	September
Unit Title	Breadth In this Unit, students will design and complete projects spanning a variety of techniques, styles, and themes, focusing on observation and thematic expression. This unit serves as a means for students to prepare a portfolio for college admissions.	Length of Unit	First Semester- 18 Weeks
Essential Questions	<ol> <li>How can I apply and expand my existing knowledge of artistic practices to develop technical skill and personal voice?</li> <li>In what ways do artists use different media, processes, and techniques to communicate ideas across time and place?</li> <li>How can working in both two-dimensional and three-dimensional formats expand my creative problem-solving and visual thinking?</li> <li>What challenges and opportunities arise when experimenting with unfamiliar materials, and how can I adapt to them?</li> <li>How can I use this unit to identify a personal focus for further artistic exploration in the second semester?</li> </ol>		
Summative Assessments	<ul> <li>Primary Summative Assessments:</li> <li>Midpoint Review</li> <li>Objective: Students will participate in an individual review with the instructor. They will present their sketchbooks as well as all relevant studies and completed works of art.</li> <li>Evaluation: A rubric will be used to grade students based on the following: Creating, Presenting, Responding, Connecting.</li> <li>Final Project</li> <li>Objective: Students will create a final piece incorporating the tools and techniques practiced during the Unit. Students will be expected to apply an understanding of the Elements of Art and Principles of Designs discussed.</li> <li>Evaluation: A rubric will be used to grade students based on the following: Creating, Presenting, Responding, Connecting.</li> </ul>		

	<ul> <li>Portfolio Submission</li> <li>Objective: Students will compile a portfolio of their work from the unit, including practice exercises, studies, and completed projects, showing effort, growth, and skill development.</li> <li>Evaluation: A rubric will be used to grade students based on the following: Creating, Presenting, Responding,</li> </ul>
	Connecting.
Formative Assessment	Daily Participation  • Students will be evaluated daily on their effort, participation, and engagement with the material.
	<ul> <li>Sketchbook Checks</li> <li>Objective: Evaluate students' sketchbooks for ongoing engagement with drawing exercises, experimentation with materials, and application of techniques and concepts.</li> <li>Evaluation: Score based on effort, creativity, and completion of assigned tasks.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Written Artist Statements and Reflections</li> <li>Objective: Students will write artist statements or complete reflections after completing selected artworks or projects.</li> <li>Evaluation: Assess for depth of understanding, clarity of expression, and connection to the lesson objectives.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Class Critiques</li> <li>Objective: Students will participate in a peer critique, providing constructive feedback and reflecting on their own work.</li> <li>Evaluation: Grade based on active participation, thoughtful commentary, and ability to articulate an understanding of artistic principles.</li> </ul>
Core Instructional Materials	<ul> <li>Kleiner, Fred S., editor. <i>Gardner's Art Through the Ages</i>. 13th ed., Thomson Wadsworth, 2005.</li> <li>Mittler, Gene A. <i>Art in Focus</i>. 4th ed., Glencoe/McGraw-Hill, 2000.</li> </ul>
Core Supplemental Materials	<ul> <li>Sketchbooks</li> <li>Specific materials dependent upon project choice.</li> </ul>
Pre-requisite Skills	Pre-requisite Course: Studio Art I, Studio Art II Student must obtain explicit approval from the instructor for this course of study.
	Potential Student Hurdles
	<ul> <li>Limited Prior Knowledge of Art Concepts</li> <li>Some students may not have been exposed to the elements of art or principles of design.</li> <li>Hurdle: Difficulty grasping foundational art vocabulary and applying these concepts.</li> <li>Lack of Experience</li> <li>Students may have varying levels of experience and confidence with ceramics.</li> </ul>
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	Limited Fine Motor Skills		
	<ul> <li>Some students may struggle with hand control or preciand sculpt with clay.</li> </ul>	ision, which can affect their ability to manipulate, pinch, carve,	
	<ul> <li>Hurdle: Difficulty executing techniques like pinching, c</li> </ul>	oiling, slinning and scoring	
	Fixed Mindsets About Talent vs. Skill		
	<ul> <li>Students may believe that artistic ability is an innate talent rather than a skill that can be developed with practice.</li> <li>Hurdle: Hesitation to engage fully in exercises or fear of failure.</li> </ul>		
	Time Management and Focus		
		ng through projects or becoming overwhelmed by detailed	
	assignments.		
	<ul> <li>Hurdle: Difficulty balancing quality with productivity a Accessibility and Learning Differences</li> </ul>	nd staying engaged throughout the process.	
		nts may require modified instructions, tools, or additional	
	support.	, ,	
	Hurdle: Challenges to understanding instructions or per	erforming tasks without accommodation.	
	Lack of Interest or Motivation		
	<ul> <li>Students taking this course as a requirement may not feel personally invested in the subject.</li> <li>Hurdle: Apathy toward assignments and reluctance to put in effort.</li> </ul>		
	Strategies to Address Hurdles		
	Provide explicit instruction on art concepts with visuals and examples.		
	Incorporate differentiated tasks to accommodate various skill levels.		
	Emphasize process over product to build confidence.	. 100	
	<ul> <li>Offer scaffolding and practice exercises to develop fine</li> <li>Create a supportive classroom environment that celebrate</li> </ul>		
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	include engaging activities and connect ressons to stud	cits interests to increase motivation.	
Assessment and	English Language Learners	Special Education Students (Students with IEPs and 504s)	
Instructional Scaffolds	<u>Visual Aids and Demonstrations</u>	<u>Chunked Instructions</u>	
	<ul> <li>Use step-by-step visuals, diagrams, and live</li> </ul>	Break tasks into smaller, manageable steps.	
	demonstrations for all instructions.	Provide a checklist for multi-step assignments	
	Label visuals with vocabulary terms.  Simplified Language and Southernes Frances.	Adapted Tools	
	<ul> <li>Simplified Language and Sentence Frames</li> <li>Provide instructions in simple, concise language.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Offer adaptive tools such as pencil grips or thicker markers for fine motor challenges.</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>Offer sentence starters for critiques.</li> </ul>	Extended Time	
	Bilingual Resources	Provide additional time for projects and assessments.	
		Flexible Seating and Environment	

Hurdle: Inexperienced students might feel intimidated or frustrated when compared to peers with more advanced

	<ul> <li>Supply bilingual glossaries for art terminology or use translation apps for key concepts.</li> <li>Peer Support and Group Work</li> <li>Pair ELLs with supportive peers for collaboration and explanation.</li> <li>Assessments</li> <li>Allow responses to written reflections or critiques in their native language if needed.</li> <li>Assess based on demonstration of concepts rather than language proficiency.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Allow students to choose quieter spaces or sit near the teacher for extra support.</li> <li>Frequent Check-Ins         <ul> <li>Monitor progress regularly to ensure understanding and provide immediate feedback.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Modified Expectations         <ul> <li>Adjust rubric criteria.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
	Students at Risk of School Failure	Gifted and Talented Students
	<ul> <li>Guided Practice         <ul> <li>Begin projects with structured warm-up exercises or partially completed templates.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Frequent Feedback         <ul> <li>Provide consistent, formative feedback to build confidence and guide improvement.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Access to Exemplars         <ul> <li>Share examples of completed work at varying skill levels to model expectations.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Simplified Objectives         <ul> <li>Focus on simpler goals and outcomes for each assignment.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Peer Support         <ul> <li>Pair struggling learners with more confident peers during collaborative activities.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Open-Ended Challenges</li> <li>Offer optional extension tasks that allow for creative exploration, such as experimenting with mixed media or advanced techniques.</li> <li>Independent Projects</li> <li>Encourage advanced students to propose their own projects related to the unit.</li> <li>Leadership Opportunities</li> <li>Assign roles in group critiques or ask advanced learners to mentor peers.</li> <li>Enrichment Activities</li> <li>Provide additional resources, such as artist biographies, masterwork studies, or online tutorials for self-guided learning.</li> <li>Higher-Order Thinking Prompts</li> <li>Challenge them to analyze how professional artists develop work and apply similar techniques.</li> </ul>
Differentiated	Access (Resources and/or Process)	Expression (Products and/or Performance)
Instructional Methods	<ul> <li>Visual Resources</li> <li>Provide examples of professional and student artwork that illustrate the elements of art and principles of design.</li> <li>Use charts, diagrams, and infographics to break down techniques step-by-step.</li> <li>Create a visual vocabulary wall with labeled examples of key concepts.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Visual Projects</li> <li>Students create final artworks that demonstrate mastery of techniques.</li> <li>Sketchbooks are used to showcase practice, experimentation, and idea development.</li> <li>Written Reflections</li> <li>Assign artist statements explaining their choices and process in their final project.</li> </ul>

#### **Guided Practice**

- Offer structured exercises.
- Use teacher-led demonstrations to model processes.

#### **Digital Tools**

- Provide access to drawing tutorials, apps, or websites that offer step-by-step guides and interactive learning.
- Use slide decks or instructional videos for students to revisit concepts at their own pace.

## Flexible Grouping

- Organize small-group rotations where students work with peers, receive direct instruction, or explore independently.
- Pair advanced learners with struggling learners for peer modeling.

#### Choice in Materials

• Allow students to choose from a variety of materials based on their comfort and interest.

## **Multi-Sensory Activities**

• Use hands-on activities to engage tactile and kinesthetic learners.

• Use journals for students to reflect on their growth, challenges, and successes.

#### **Verbal Communication**

- Facilitate peer critiques and discussions where students articulate their understanding of artistic concepts.
- Use student presentations where they analyze and explain their work or a selected artist's use of elements and principles.

## **Collaborative Work**

- Group projects where students create a shared piece incorporating specific elements of art.
- Team critiques where students evaluate each other's work using constructive feedback.

#### **Digital Products**

- Students document and share their process digitally through photos or videos.
- Advanced students may create digital portfolios showcasing their unit work.

#### **Choice Boards**

 Provide multiple options for project types to allow students to select based on their strengths and interests.

# Integration of Technology

#### **Instructional Tools and Resources:**

# Online Tutorials and Demonstrations

- Resources: Platforms like YouTube or Art21 for technique tutorials.
- Purpose: Offer step-by-step guides and supplemental learning for struggling or advanced learners.

## <u>Interactive Presentations</u>

- Tools: Google Slides, Canva, Kahoot, MagicSchool.
- Purpose: Present the information on the unit through presentations, videos, and interactive quizzes.

## Virtual Museum Tours

• Resources: Websites like Google Arts & Culture or individual museum sites (e.g., The Met, MoMA).

• Purpose: Inspire students by analyzing how professional artists develop and create work.

#### **Assessment and Feedback**

## **Digital Portfolios**

- Tools: Google Sites, Artsonia.
- Purpose: Students document and submit their sketches, practice exercises, and final projects digitally for teacher and peer feedback.

## <u>Collaborative Critiques</u>

- Tools: Google Docs, Schoology.
- Purpose: Facilitate virtual critiques where students upload images of their work and provide feedback through comments or sticky notes.

## Rubric and Feedback Management

- Tools: Schoology, Google Classroom
- Purpose: Use rubrics to assess work digitally and provide individualized feedback.

## **Documentation and Sharing**

## <u>Time-Lapse Recordings</u>

- Tools: Built-in tablet or smartphone time-lapse cameras.
- Purpose: Encourage students to record their process, reflecting on how their work develops over time.

# Classroom Blog

- Tools: Google Sites, Artsonia.
- Purpose: Share student work with peers, families, and the school community.

# **QR Code Integration**

- Tools: QR code generators.
- Purpose: Students attach QR codes to their final pieces, linking to process videos or artist statements.

# Career Readiness, Life Literacies, and Key Skills

## **Creativity and Innovation**

- 9.4.12.CI.1: Demonstrate the ability to reflect, analyze, and use creative skills and ideas.
  - Core Idea: With a growth mindset, failure is an important part of success.
- 9.4.12.CI.2: Identify career pathways that highlight personal talents, skills, and abilities.
- 9.4.12.CI.3: Investigate new challenges and opportunities for personal growth, advancement, and transition.
  - Core Idea: Innovative ideas or innovation can lead to career opportunities.

## Critical Thinking and Problem-solving

	<ul> <li>9.4.12.CT.1: Identify problem-solving strategies used in the development of an innovative product or practice.</li> <li>9.4.12.CT.2: Explain the potential benefits of collaborating to enhance critical thinking and problem solving.</li> <li>Core Idea: Collaboration with individuals with diverse experiences can aid in the problem-solving process, particularly for global issues where diverse solutions are needed.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li><u>Digital Citizenship</u></li> <li>9.4.12.DC.6: Select information to post online that positively impacts personal image and future college and career opportunities.</li> <li>Core Idea: Cultivating online reputations for employers and academia requires separating private and professional digital identities.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Technology Literacy</li> <li>9.4.12.TL.3: Analyze the effectiveness of the process and quality of collaborative environments.</li> <li>9.4.12.TL.4: Collaborate in online learning communities or social networks or virtual worlds to analyze and propose a resolution to a real-world problem.</li> <li>Core Idea: Collaborative digital tools can be used to access, record and share different viewpoints and to collect and tabulate the views of groups of people.</li> </ul>
Interdisciplinary Connections	<ul> <li>ELA- W.11-12.3.</li> <li>Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, well chosen details, and well-structured event sequences.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>MATH- Congruence (G.CO)</li> <li>D. Make Geometric Constructions-</li> <li>12. Make formal geometric constructions with a variety of tools and methods (compass and straightedge, string, reflective devices, paper folding, dynamic geometric software, etc.). Copying a segment; copying an angle; bisecting a segment; bisecting an angle; constructing perpendicular lines, including the perpendicular bisector of a line segment; and constructing a line parallel to a given line through a point not on the line.</li> </ul>

		Instructional Pacing Guide	
<b>Activity Title</b>	NJSLS	Learning Objectives	Student Activities
Observational Drawing Weeks 1-4 (approx.)	1.5.12acc.Cr1b: Choose from a range of materials and methods of traditional and contemporary artistic practices to plan works of art and design	<ul> <li>Demonstrate technical control in proportion, value, and perspective.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Create</li> <li>Produce several studies from observation (portrait, still life, figure) with an emphasis on composition.</li> </ul>

- 1.5.12adv.Cr2a: Experiment, plan and make multiple works of art and design that explore a personally meaningful theme, idea, or concept.
- 1.5.12adv.Pr4a: Critique, justify and present choices in the process of analyzing, selecting, curating, and presenting artwork for a specific exhibit or event.
- 1.5.12acc.Pr5a: Evaluate, select and apply methods or processes appropriate to display artwork in a specific place.
- 1.5.12adv.Re7a: Analyze how responses to art develop over time based on knowledge of and experience with art and life.
- 1.5.12adv.Re8a: Analyze differing interpretations of an artwork or collection of works in order to select and defend a plausible critical analysis.
- 1.5.12adv.Cn10a: Synthesize knowledge of social, cultural, historical, and personal life with artmaking approaches to create meaningful works of art or design.

- Apply observational skills to represent complex portrait, still life, or figural compositions.
- Integrate thematic or conceptual meaning into representational drawings.
- Analyze drawing practices of historical and contemporary artists.

• Develop 1–2 portfolio-quality works that combine accurate observation with conceptual or thematic depth.

#### Present

 Write artist statement describing observational challenges, conceptual choices, and influences. Share in critique.

## Respond

 Compare work to professional drawing examples, analyzing how observation and meaning interact.

## Connect

 Link artwork to personal or cultural themes, reflecting on how drawing can express meaning beyond representation.

	1.5.12acc.Cn11b: Compare uses of art in a variety of societal, cultural and historical contexts and make connections to global issues, including climate change.		
Observational Painting  Weeks 5-8 (approx.)	1.5.12adv.Cr1b: Choose from a range of materials and methods of traditional and contemporary artistic practices, following or breaking established conventions, to plan the making of multiple works of art and design based on a theme, idea or concept.  1.5.12acc.Cr2a: Through experimentation, practice and persistence, demonstrate acquisition of skills and knowledge in a chosen art form.  1.5.12acc.Pr4a: Analyze, select and critique personal artwork for a collection or portfolio presentation.  1.5.12adv.Pr5a: Investigate, compare and contrast methods for preserving and protecting art.  1.5.12acc.Re7a: Recognize and describe personal aesthetic and empathetic responses to the natural world and constructed environments.	<ul> <li>Demonstrate proficiency in application of color theory, advanced brush techniques, and compositional choices.</li> <li>Use observation of still life, landscape, or figure to build technical accuracy.</li> <li>Explore thematic interpretation through color, light, and brushwork.</li> <li>Research painters who merge observational skill with strong conceptual underpinnings.</li> </ul>	Develop color and composition studies utilizing painting medium of choice.     Produce 1–2 portfolio-ready paintings (watercolor, acrylic, or chosen medium) grounded in observation but elevated by thematic or symbolic interpretation.  Present     Share finished painting in critique, articulating technical and conceptual decisions.  Respond     Write a reflection describing process and artistic intent of finished paintings.  Connect     Reflect on the work of a painter who exhibits similar stylistic or thematic choices.

	1.5.12acc.Re8a: Identify types of contextual information useful in the process of constructing interpretations of an artwork or collection of works.  1.5.12adv.Cn10a: Synthesize knowledge of social, cultural, historical, and personal life with artmaking approaches to create meaningful works of art or design.  1.5.12adv.Cn11a: Assess the impact of an artist or a group of artists on the beliefs, values and behaviors of a society.		
Printmaking/Mixe d Media  Weeks 9-12 (approx.)	1.5.12acc.Cr1a: Individually and collaboratively formulate new creative problems based on student's existing artwork.  1.5.12adv.Cr1b: Choose from a range of materials and methods of traditional and contemporary artistic practices, following or breaking established conventions, to plan the making of multiple works of art and design based on a theme, idea or concept.  1.5.12acc.Pr4a: Analyze, select and critique personal artwork for a collection or portfolio presentation.	<ul> <li>Experiment with materials and processes.</li> <li>Analyze how repetition, layering, and material choice affect meaning.</li> <li>Synthesize observational elements with conceptual exploration in nontraditional formats.</li> <li>Study how artists have used printmaking and mixed media for storytelling, identity, or social commentary.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Produce experimental test prints or mixed media studies.</li> <li>Complete 1–2 portfolio-level works or series integrating observation with layered conceptual meaning.</li> <li>Present         <ul> <li>Exhibit final pieces in class gallery, with written reflection on how media choice influences meaning.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Respond         <ul> <li>Participate in a class critique.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Connect         <ul> <li>Link their work to broader artistic movements and complete a written reflection.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	1.5.12prof.Pr6a: Analyze and describe the impact that an exhibition or collection has on personal awareness of social, cultural or political beliefs and understandings  1.5.12adv.Re7b: Determine the commonalities within a group of artists or visual arts attributed to a particular type of art, timeframe, or culture.  1.5.12acc.Re8a: Identify types of contextual information useful in the process of constructing interpretations of an artwork or collection of works.  1.5.12adv.Cn11a: Assess the impact of an artist or a group of artists on the beliefs, values and behaviors of a society.		
Sculpture/Ceramic s  Weeks 13-16 (approx.)	1.5.12adv.Cr2a: Experiment, plan and make multiple works of art and design that explore a personally meaningful theme, idea, or concept.  1.5.12adv.Cr2b: Demonstrate understanding of the importance of balancing freedom and responsibility in the use of images, materials, tools and equipment in the	<ul> <li>Demonstrate control and craftsmanship in three-dimensional media.</li> <li>Explore form, balance, proportion, and texture in relation to observational reference.</li> <li>Incorporate conceptual or symbolic meaning into sculptural work.</li> <li>Research how artists use sculpture or ceramics to communicate identity, memory, or cultural commentary.</li> </ul>	Create     Complete sketches and maquettes before constructing 1–2 portfolioquality sculptures or ceramic works, blending observational references with thematic intent.  Present     Display completed work and written statement articulating how form and concept connect.  Respond

	creation and circulation of creative work.  1.5.12acc.Pr4a: Analyze, select and critique personal artwork for a collection or portfolio presentation.  1.5.12acc.Pr5a: Evaluate, select and apply methods or processes appropriate to display artwork in a specific place.  1.5.12acc.Re7b: Evaluate the effectiveness of visual artworks to influence ideas, feelings, and behaviors of specific audiences.  1.5.12acc.Re8a: Identify types of contextual information useful in the process of constructing interpretations of an artwork or collection of works.  1.5.12adv.Cn11a: Assess the impact of an artist or a group of artists on the beliefs, values and behaviors of a society.		<ul> <li>Participate in critique focused on both technical construction and conceptual resonance.</li> <li>Connect</li> <li>Research a sculptor or ceramicist whose work bridges observation and conceptual themes.</li> </ul>
Portfolio Development and Documentation  Ongoing *Weeks 17-18 (approx.)*	1.5.12prof.Cr2c: Collaboratively develop a proposal for an installation, artwork, or space design that transforms the perception and experience of a particular place.	<ul> <li>Curate strongest works completed within the past year into a cohesive portfolio.</li> <li>Document artworks through high-quality photography and digital presentation.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Photograph, edit, and compile chosen artworks into both digital and physical portfolios.</li> </ul> Present

1.5.12acc.Pr4a: Analyze, select
and critique personal artwork
for a collection or portfolio
presentation.

- 1.5.12adv.Re9a: Construct evaluations of a work of art or collection of works based on differing sets of criteria
- 1.5.12acc.Cn11a: Compare uses of art in a variety of societal, cultural and historical contexts and make connections to uses of art in contemporary and local contexts.

- Develop artist statements and reflections that articulate both technical and conceptual growth.
- Compare personal portfolio to professional or college portfolio standards.

• Deliver a portfolio presentation that includes 4–6 artworks, artist statements, and reflections.

# Respond

 Participate in portfolio critique, assessing strengths and areas for improvement.

#### Connect

 Research requirements of collegelevel art portfolios and analyze how their work aligns.