

**NORTH CAROLINA STANDARD COURSE OF STUDY
K-12 ARTS EDUCATION HORIZONTAL ALIGNMENT**

Dance, Music, Theatre, Visual Arts

Purpose

The Horizontal Alignment Documents shows the alignment between the Kindergarten-through-Graduation objectives for Dance, Music, Theatre, and Visual Arts. This document is essential in building content knowledge and understanding, supporting the work of multi-discipline school-based PLCs, and in developing district-wide professional development for Arts Educators. An understanding of the alignment promotes consistency across arts disciplines, increased student outcomes, and improved parent communication about the implementation of the NC Standard Courses of Study in Dance, Music, Theatre Arts, and Visual Arts. These standards will be implemented in all North Carolina schools beginning in the 2025-26 school year. For more information on the Standard Courses of Study, as well as more unpacking documents, see the Arts Education Hub at go.ncdpi.gov/AE-HUB.

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