Arts Education K-9 – Big Ideas

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K-1	People create art to express who they are as individuals and community.	 Engagement in the arts creates opportunities for inquiry through purposeful play. 	Dance, drama, music, and visual arts express meaning in unique ways.	People connect to others and share ideas through the arts.
2	Creative expression develops our unique identity and voice.	 Inquiry through the arts creates opportunities for risk taking. 	Dance, drama, music, and visual arts are each unique languages for creating and communicating. (Grades 2-8)	People connect to the hearts and minds of others in a variety of places and times through the arts.
3	The mind and body work together when creating works of art.	Creative experiences involve an interplay between exploration, inquiry, and purposeful choice.	Dance, drama, music, and visual arts are each unique languages for creating and communicating. (Grades 2-8)	The arts connect our experiences to the experiences of others.
4	Creative expression is a means to explore and share one's identity within a community.	 Artists experiment in a variety of ways to discover new possibilities. 	Dance, drama, music, and visual arts are each unique languages for creating and communicating. (Grades 2-8)	Exploring works of art exposes us to diverse values, knowledge, and perspectives.
5	Engaging in creative expression and experiences expands people's sense of identity and belonging.	 Artists experiment in a variety of ways to discover new possibilities and perspectives. 	Dance, drama, music, and visual arts are each unique languages for creating and communicating. (Grades 2-8)	Works of art influence and are influenced by the world around us.
6	Engaging in creative expression and experiences expands people's sense of identity and community.	Artistic expressions differ across time and place.	Dance, drama, music, and visual arts are each unique languages for creating and communicating. (Grades 2-8)	Experiencing art is a means to develop empathy for others' perspectives and experiences.
7	Through art making, one's sense of identity and community continually evolves.	Experiencing art challenges our point of view and expands our understanding of others.	Dance, drama, music, and visual arts are each unique languages for creating and communicating. (Grades 2-8)	Engaging in the arts develops people's ability to understand and express complex ideas.









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8	 Individual and collective expression can be achieved through the arts. 	 Creative growth requires patience, readiness to take risks, and willingness to try new approaches. 	Dance, drama, music, and visual arts are each unique languages for creating and communicating. (Grades 2-8)	Artists often challenge the status quo and open us to new perspectives and experiences.
9 (General)	 Identity is explored, expressed, and impacted through arts experiences. 	 The arts provide opportunities to gain insight into the perspectives and experiences of people from a variety of times, places, and cultures. 	Dance, drama, music, and visual arts each use their own unique sensory language for creating and communicating.	Creative arts experiences can build community and nurture relationships with others.
9 (Dance)	Identity is explored, expressed, and impacted through dance experiences.	Dance provides opportunities to gain insight into perspectives and experiences of people from a variety of times, places, and cultures.	Dance uses a unique sensory language for creating and communicating.	Collaborative dance experiences can build community and nurture relationships with others.
9 (Drama)	Identity is explored, expressed, and impacted through drama experiences.	Drama provides opportunities to gain insight into perspectives and experiences of people from a variety of times, places, and cultures.	Drama uses a unique sensory language for creating and communicating.	Collaborative drama experiences can build community and nurture relationships with others.
9 (Music)	Identity is explored, expressed, and impacted through music experiences.	Music provides opportunities to gain insight into perspectives and experiences of people from a variety of times, places, and cultures.	Music uses a unique sensory language for creating and communicating.	Collaborative music experiences can build community and nurture relationships with others.
9 (Visual Arts)	 Identity is explored, expressed, and impacted through visual arts experiences. 	The visual arts provide opportunities to gain insight into perspectives and experiences of people from a variety of times, places, and cultures.	The visual arts use a unique sensory language for creating and communicating.	Art experiences can build community and nurture relationships with others.