

# 3-4 Visual & Media Arts Unit 1 (LINE & SHAPE)

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## Unit Overview

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In this unit, students will explore Line and Shape. Students will apply the Elements of Art through Creating, Presenting, Responding, and Connecting.

As stated in the NJ Student Learning Standards our mission is “To empower students to develop creative and critical thinking, social-emotional competencies, and intellectual and expressive abilities that will allow them to become active, contributing members of a global society.”

## Standards

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### Creating

#### Anchor Standard 1: Generating and conceptualizing ideas.

Enduring Understandings: Creativity and innovative thinking are essential life skills that can be developed. Artists and designers shape artistic investigations, following or breaking with traditions in pursuit of creative art-making goals.

Essential Questions: What conditions, attitudes, and behaviors support creativity and innovative thinking? What factors prevent or encourage people to take creative risks? How does collaboration expand the creative process? How does knowing the contexts, histories, and traditions of art forms help us create works of art and design? Why do artists follow or break from established traditions? How do artists determine what resources and criteria are needed to formulate artistic investigations?

Practice: Explore

Performance Expectations:

- 1.5.5.Cr1a: Brainstorm and curate ideas to innovatively problem solve during artmaking and design projects.
- 1.5.5.Cr1b: Individually and collaboratively set goals, investigate, choose, and demonstrate diverse approaches to art-making that is meaningful to the makers.

## **Anchor Standard 2: Organizing and developing ideas.**

Enduring Understandings: Artists and designers experiment with forms, structures, materials, concepts, media, and art-making approaches. Artists and designers balance experimentation and safety, freedom and responsibility, while developing and creating artworks. People create and interact with objects, places and design that define, shape, enhance, and empower their lives.

Essential Questions: How do artists work? How do artists and designers determine whether a particular direction in their work is effective? How do artists and designers learn from trial and error? How do artists and designers care for and maintain materials, tools and equipment? Why is it important, for safety and health, to understand and follow correct procedures in handling materials, tools and equipment? What responsibilities come with the freedom to create? How do objects, places and design shape lives and communities? How do artists and designers determine goals for designing or redesigning objects, places, or systems? How do artists and designers create works of art or design that effectively communicate?

Practice: Investigate

Performance Expectations:

- 1.5.5.Cr2a: Experiment and develop skills in multiple art-making techniques and approaches, through invention and practice.
- 1.5.5.Cr2b: Demonstrate craftsmanship through the safe and respectful use of materials, tools and equipment.
- 1.5.5.Cr2c: Individually or collaboratively represent environments or objects of personal significance that includes a process of peer discussion, revision and refinement.

## **Anchor Standard 3: Refining and completing products.**

Enduring Understanding: Artists and designers develop excellence through practice and constructive critique, reflecting on, revising and refining work over time.

Essential Questions: What role does persistence play in revising, refining and developing work? How do artists grow and become accomplished in art forms? How does collaboratively reflecting on a work help us experience it more completely?

Practice: Reflect, Refine, Continue

Performance Expectations:

- 1.5.5.Cr3a: Reflect, refine, and revise work individually and collaboratively, and discuss and describe personal choices in artmaking.

## **Presenting**

## **Anchor Standard 4: Selecting, analyzing and interpreting work.**

Enduring Understanding: Artists and other presenters consider various techniques, methods, venues, and criteria when analyzing, selecting, and curating objects artifacts, and artworks for preservation and presentation.

Essential Questions: How are artworks cared for and by whom? What criteria, methods and processes are used to select work for preservation or presentation? Why do people value objects, artifacts and artworks, and select them for presentation? Practice: Analyze Performance Expectations:

- 1.5.5.Pr4a: Define and analyze the responsibilities of a curator in preserving and presenting artifacts or artwork.

### **Anchor Standard 5: Developing and refining techniques and models or steps needed to create products.**

Enduring Understanding: Artists, curators and others consider a variety of factors and methods including evolving technologies when preparing and refining artwork for display and or when deciding if and how to preserve and protect it.

Essential Questions: What methods and processes are considered when preparing artwork for presentation or preservation? How does refining artwork affect its meaning to the viewer? What criteria are considered when selecting work for presentation, a portfolio, or a collection?

Practice: Select

Performance Expectations:

- 1.5.5.Pr5a: Prepare and present artwork safely and effectively.

### **Anchor Standard 6: Conveying meaning through art.**

Enduring Understanding: Objects, artifacts and artworks collected, preserved or presented either by artists, museums, or other venues, communicate meaning and a record of social, cultural and political experiences resulting in the cultivating of appreciation and understanding.

Essential Questions: What is an art museum? How does the presenting and sharing of objects, artifacts and artworks influence and shape ideas, beliefs and experiences? How do objects, artifacts and artworks collected, preserved, or presented, cultivate appreciation and understanding?

Practice: Share

Performance Expectations:

- 1.5.5.Pr6a: Discuss how exhibits and museums provide information and in person experiences about concepts and topics.

## **Responding**

## **Anchor Standard 7: Perceiving and analyzing products.**

Enduring Understandings: 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. Visual arts influences understanding of and responses to the world.

Essential Questions: 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? What is visual art? Where and how do we encounter visual arts in our world? How do visual arts influence our views of the world?

Practice: Perceive

Performance Expectations:

- 1.5.5.Re7a: Speculate about artistic processes. Interpret and compare works of art and other responses.
- 1.5.5.Re7b: Analyze visual arts including cultural associations.

## **Anchor Standard 8: Interpreting intent and meaning.**

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

Essential Questions: 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 vocabulary help us understand and interpret works of art?

Practice: Interpret

Performance Expectations:

- 1.5.5.Re8a: Interpret ideas and mood in artworks by analyzing form, structure, context, subject, and visual elements.

## **Anchor Standard 9: Applying criteria to evaluate products.**

Enduring Understanding: People evaluate art based on various criteria.

Essential Questions: 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?

Practice: Analyze

Performance Expectations:

- 1.5.5.Re9a: Identify different evaluative criteria for different types of artwork dependent on genre, historical and cultural contexts.

## Connecting

### **Anchor Standard 10: Synthesizing and relating knowledge and personal experiences to create products.**

Enduring Understanding: Through artmaking, people make meaning by investigating and developing awareness of perceptions, knowledge and experiences.

Essential Questions: How does engaging in creating art enrich people's lives? How does making art attune people to their surroundings? How do people contribute to awareness and understanding of their lives and the lives of their communities through artmaking? Practice: Synthesize

Performance Expectations:

- 1.5.5.Cn10a: Create works of art that reflect community cultural traditions. Discuss using formal and conceptual vocabulary.

### **Anchor Standard 11: Relating artistic ideas and works within societal, cultural and historical contexts to deepen understanding.**

Enduring Understanding: People develop ideas and understandings of society, culture and history through their interactions with and analysis of art.

Essential Questions: How does art help us understand the lives of people of different times, places and cultures? How is art used to impact the views of a society? How does art preserve aspects of life?

Practice: Relate Performance Expectations:

- 1.5.5.Cn11a: Communicate how art is used to inform the values, beliefs and culture of an individual or society.
- 1.5.5.Cn11b: Communicate how art is used to inform others about global issues, including climate change.

VA.3-5.1.5.5.Cr	Creating
VA.K-2.1.5.2.Cr	Creating
MA.3-5.1.2.5.Cr1a	Generate ideas for media artwork, using a variety of tools, methods and/or materials.
MA.3-5.1.2.5.Cr1f	Brainstorm goals and plans for a media art audience.
VA.3-5.1.5.5.Pr	Presenting
VA.3-5.1.5.5.Re	Responding

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## Materials

### Core Materials:

- Art Educators of New Jersey
- Arts Administrators of New Jersey

- Art Museum Websites
- National Art Educators Association

### **Supplemental Materials:**

- <https://selarts.org/>
- [J. Paul Getty Museum | Getty](#)
- [Kennedy Center Education \(kennedy-center.org\)](http://kennedy-center.org)
- <https://www.nationalartsstandards.org/>
- theartofeducation.edu

## **Technology**

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### **Technology Literacy**

- • 9.4.2.TL.1: Identify the basic features of a digital tool and explain the purpose of the tool (e.g., 8.2.2.ED.1).
- • 9.4.2.TL.4: Navigate a virtual space to build context and describe the visual content.
- • 9.4.2.TL.5: Describe the difference between real and virtual experiences.
- • 9.4.2.TL.6: Illustrate and communicate ideas and stories using multiple digital tools (e.g., SL.2.5).

### **Technology - Data & Analysis**

- 8.1.2.DA.1: Collect and present data, including climate change data, in various visual formats.

## **Evidence of Learning/Assessment**

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### **Formative Assessment**

- Teacher Observation
- Exit Tickets
- Peer Assessment
- Self-Assessment

### **Summative Assessment**

- Rubrics
- Portfolio of Projects
- Peer Assessment
- Self-Assessment

## **Accommodations & Modifications**

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### **Special Education**

#### **Follow IEP Plan which may contain some of the following examples...**

- In-class support with special ed assistant
- Preferred seating
- Questions read aloud
- Extended time for completing tasks
- Graphic organizers
- Vocabulary support
- Mnemonic devices
- Songs/videos to reinforce concepts
- Limit the number of questions
- Scribe

### **504**

#### **Follow 504 Plan which may contain some of the following examples...**

- In-class support with special assistant
- Preferred seating
- Questions read aloud
- Extended time for completing tasks
- Graphic organizers
- Vocabulary support
- Mnemonic devices
- Songs/videos to reinforce concepts
- Limit the number of questions
- Scribe

## **ELL**

- Translation device/dictionary
- In class/ support with special ed assistant
- Preferred seating
- Questions read aloud
- Extended time for completing tasks
- Graphic organizers
- Vocabulary support
- Mnemonic devices
- Songs/videos to reinforce concepts
- Limit number of questions
- Scribe

## **At-risk of Failure**

- Extra time during the intervention period
- In-class/pull-out support with special ed teacher
- Additional time during intervention time
- Preferred seating
- Questions read aloud
- Extended time for completing tasks
- Graphic organizers
- Vocabulary support
- Mnemonic devices
- Songs/videos to reinforce concepts
- Study Guides
- Limit the number of questions
- Scribe



## **Gifted & Talented**

- Independent projects
- STEAM Projects
- Leveled Reading with Newsela

## **GT ART in GRADE 6**

### **Interdisciplinary Connections**

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#### **Connections to NJSLS - English Language Arts**

- RI.2.1 Ask and answer such questions as who, what, where, when, why, and how to demonstrate understanding of key details in a text. (2-PS1-4)
- RI.2.3 Describe the connection between a series of historical events, scientific ideas or concepts, or steps in technical procedures in a text. (2-PS1-4)
- W.2.8 Recall information from experiences or gather information from provided sources to answer a question. (2-PS1-1), (2-PS1-2), (2-PS1-3)

#### **Connections to NJSLS - Mathematics**

- MP.2 Reason abstractly and quantitatively. (2-PS1-2)
- MP.4 Model with mathematics. (2-PS1-1), (2-PS1-2)
- MP.5 Use appropriate tools strategically. (2-PS1-2)

#### **Connections to NJSLS - Science**

- 2-LS4-1 Make observations of plants and animals to compare the diversity of life in different habitats.
- K-2-ETS1-1 Ask questions, make observations, and gather information about a situation people want to change (e.g., climate change) to define a simple problem that can be solved through the development of a new or improved object or tool.
- K-2-ETS1-2 Develop a simple sketch, drawing, or physical model to illustrate how the shape of an object helps it function as needed to solve a given problem

#### **Connections to NJSLS - Social Studies**

- 6.1.2.Geo.HE.2: Describe how human activities affect the culture and environmental characteristics of places or regions (e.g., transportation, housing, dietary needs).
- 6.1.2.Geo.GI.2: Use technology to understand the culture and physical characteristics of regions.

#### **Climate Change: Technology - Effects on the Natural World**

- • 8.2.2.ETW.1: Classify products as resulting from nature or produced as a result of technology.
- • 8.2.2.ETW.2: Identify the natural resources needed to create a product.

- • 8.2.2.ETW.3: Describe or model the system used for recycling technology.
- • 8.2.2.ETW.4: Explain how the disposal of or reusing a product affects the local and global.

### **Connection to NJDOE SEL Competencies**

- Self-Awareness
- Self-Management
- Social Awareness
- Responsible Decision-Making
- Relationship Skills

### **Amistad Law:**

N.J.S.A. 18A 52:16A-88 Every board of education shall incorporate the information regarding the contributions of African-American artists to our country in an appropriate place in the curriculum of elementary and secondary school students.

### **Holocaust Law:**

N.J.S.A. 18A:35-28 Every board of education shall include instruction on the Holocaust and genocides in an appropriate place in the curriculum of all elementary and secondary school pupils. The art instruction shall further emphasize the personal responsibility that each citizen bears to fight racism and hatred whenever and wherever it happens.

### **Asian American and Pacific Islander Studies Legislation:**

Every board of education shall incorporate the information regarding the contributions of Asian American and Pacific Islander artists to our country in an appropriate place in the curriculum of elementary and secondary school students.

### **GRADE 7-8 ONLY LGBT and Disabilities Law:**

N.J.S.A. 18A:35-4.35 A board of education shall include instruction on the political, economic, and social contributions of persons with disabilities and lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people, in an appropriate place in the curriculum of middle school and high school students as part of the district's implementation of the New Jersey Student Learning Standards (N.J.S.A.18A:35-4.36) A board of education shall have policies and procedures in place pertaining to the selection of instructional materials to implement the requirements of N.J.S.A. 18A:35-4.35.

## **Career Readiness, Life Literacies, and Key Skills**

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### **Critical Thinking and Problem Solving:**

- 9.4.2.CT.1: Gather information about an issue, such as climate change, and collaboratively brainstorm ways to solve the problem (e.g., K-2-ETS1-1, 6.3.2.GeoGI.2).

- 9.4.2.CT.2: Identify possible approaches and resources to execute a plan (e.g., 1.2.2.CR1b, 8.2.2.ED.3).
- 9.4.2.CT.3: Use a variety of types of thinking to solve problems (e.g., inductive, deductive).

## **Career Ready Practices**

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- CRP6. Demonstrate creativity and innovation.
- CRP8. Utilize critical thinking to make sense of problems and persevere in solving them.