HAVERHILL PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Grades K-4 Visual Arts Benchmarks for Learning

PreK-12 STANDARD 2: Elements and Principles of Design
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LEARNING STANDARD	K	1	2	3	4
By the end of Grade 4	Students will:	Students will:	Students will:	Students will:	Students will:
2.1 For color, explore and experiment	Recognize and	Know the rainbow.	Create basic wheel	Create color wheel w/	Create value by
with the use of color in dry and wet	identify the colors	Identify color as an	(6 color).	tertiary/intermediate	color mixing.
media. Identify primary and secondary	in the rainbow .	Element of art.	Identify warm and	colors. Explore tints	Observe/identify
colors and gradations of black, white and	Vocabulary:	Observe the color	cool.	and shades . Use	color in nature
gray in the	primary,	wheel.	Vocabulary:	color to create mood .	and artworks.
environment and artwork	secondary	Vocabulary: warm,	Neutral: white,	Vocabulary:	Vocabulary:
Explore how color can convey mood and		cool	black, gray,	complementary,	spectrum,
emotion			brown; color	contrast,	
			scheme		
2.2 For line, explore the use of line in 2D	Mark-marking.	Identify line as an	Describe	Recognize expressive	Identify line
and 3D works. Identify a wide variety of	Recognize straight	Element of Art.	directionality:	line as a means of	quality:
types of lines in the environment and in	and curved lines.	Label and make a	horizontal,	conveying mood or	thick/thin,
artwork	Identify letters and	variety of lines.	vertical, diagonal.	feeling.	light/dark,
	numbers as lines.	Vocabulary: wavy,	Locate and identify	Draw using a variety	long/short.
		zigzag, etc.	lines in the	of lines and direction.	Create drawings
			environment and		from nature, using
			artwork.		line quality.
2.3 For texture, explore the use of	Explore and	Identify texture as an	Identify and locate	Explore and	Create a relief
textures in 2D and 3D works	experience texture .	Element of Art.	textures by sight	experiment with real	using a variety of
Identify a wide variety of types of	Create rubbings .	Label and use a	and touch in nature.	and visual (implied)	textures.
textures, in the environment and in	Create rubbings.	variety of textures.	Vocabulary:	texture. Identify and	textures.
artwork Create representations of		variety of textures.	random, repetitive	locate textures in	
textures in drawings, paintings, rubbings,			random, repetitive	artworks.	
or relief				artworks.	
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2.4 For shape and form , explore the use	Explore and	Identify shape &	Understand	Translate 2D to 3D.	Draw basic 3D
of shapes and forms in 2D and 3D works	recognize simple	form as Elements of	positive/negative.	Create and	forms. Combine
Identify simple shapes of different sizes,	shapes.	Art. Recognize shape	Differentiate	identify 3D forms.	forms to make
and forms, in the environment and in	Vocabulary:	as 2D & form as 3D.	between shape and	Identify and locate	complex forms
artwork	circle, oval,	Create complex	form. Observe	forms in artworks.	in ceramics.
	square, rectangle,	shapes by combining	forms in nature.	Vocabulary:	Create artworks
	triangle.	simple shapes.		sphere,egg,cube,	using shape and
		Recognize geometric		block,box,cylinder,	form in a variety of media.
		shapes: pentagon,		cone,pyramid.	oi media.
		hexagon, octagon.			

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2.5 For pattern and symmetry , explore	Recognize pattern	Identify patterns	Create patterns and	Identify radial	Demonstrate
the use of patterns and symmetrical	as repetition of	and symmetry in	symmetry in artworks	symmetry in	awareness of
shapes in 2D and 3D works	shapes.	nature. Create	using a variety of	nature.	symmetry in the
Identify patterns and symmetrical forms	Explore bilateral	symmetry by	media.	Differentiate	face and human
and shapes in the environment and	symmetry (paint	folding and cutting		between	figure.
artwork.	/folded paper)	paper.		asymmetrical	Vocabulary:
Explain and demonstrate ways in which		Vocabulary: line		and symmetrical.	facial symmetry
patterns and symmetrical shapes may be		of symmetry,		Create artwork	
made		mirror-image		using radial	
				symmetry.	
2.6 For space and composition, explore	Explore using the	Identify Space as	Create a piece of art	Differentiate	Create an illusion
composition by creating artwork with a	total page in	an Element of Art.	demonstrating	enclosed space	of depth by using
center of	creating artwork.	Create a piece of	knowledge of	vs. infinite space.	basic perspective
interest, repetition, and/or balance		art using	foreground,	Identify the	techniques (size,
Demonstrate an understanding of		overlapping	middleground,	horizon line and	overlapping,
foreground, middle ground, and		shapes. Identify	background.	use it in an	value contrast).
background		objects that are	Identify emphasis,	artwork.	Identify variety,
Define and identify occurrences of		near (large) and	center of interest as	Identify rhythm ,	balance, and
balance, rhythm, repetition, variety, and		far(small) in	Principles of Design.	unity, and	emphasis as
emphasis		artwork. Identify		balance as	Principles of
		variety, repetition,		Principles of	Design.
		and balance as		Design.	
		Principles of			
		Design.			

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