



San Diego City Schools
Instruction and Curriculum Division
VAPA Curriculum Map - Kindergarten

Working Document

THREADS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

The threads represent ongoing learning opportunities across the four VAPA disciplines in which students should be actively engaged throughout all units of inquiry during the entire school year. These items should not be isolated to any one particular unit of inquiry.

Students will be provided opportunities to:

- Create art using basic skills and concepts of each arts discipline.
- Use the senses to experience and create the arts.
- Make meaning of vocabulary, patterns, symbols, and concepts of the arts.
- Demonstrate ways to communicate knowledge and feelings through art.
- Engage in activities to build gross and fine motor skills in the arts.
- Experience the concepts of cause and effect, sequencing, and problem- solution.
- Explore relationships between self, others, the world, and the arts.

These are essential learnings that represent bigger ideas/concepts in creating the arts.

- Explore artistic elements while **creating art** (movement, patterns, symbols, concepts and vocabulary).

These are essential learnings that represent bigger ideas/concepts in responding to the arts.

- Explore artistic elements while **responding to art** (listen, talk, move, draw and write).

These are essential questions that learners ask themselves in order to achieve the essential learnings in creating the arts.

- How do I use my senses to experience the arts?
- What beginning skills do I need to create art?
- What knowledge and terms do I need to know and how do I apply them to the arts?

These are essential questions that learners ask themselves in order to achieve the essential learnings in responding to the arts.

- How do I respond to the arts and how do the arts relate to me?
- How do the arts help me relate to others?
- What connections can I make between elements and concepts of art with other arts disciplines and curricular areas?
- What is it about the arts that pique my curiosity?

These are units of study that lead to the essential learnings (36 weeks)

Dance	Music	Theatre	Visual Art
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moving Safely in Space - 1,2 • Levels and Shapes - 3,4 • Movement and Exploring: Time and Energy - 5,6 • Lines, Shapes and Letters - 7, 8, 9 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beat - 1,2 • Pitch - 3,4 • Dynamics - 5 • Tempo - 6,7 • Music in Daily Life - 8,9 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Voice - 1 • Voice and Body - 2, 3 • Rhymes and Stories - 4 • Rhymes and Poems - 5 • Imagination - 6 • Mimic and Mirror - 7 • Acting for the Stage - 8, 9 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Line - 1 • Patterns - 2 • Symbols, Icons and Geometric Shapes - 3 • 3-Dimensional Construction - 4 • Tempura Painting - 5,6 • Clay Construction - 7,8,9