**Content Standards for Art**

**Standard 1 - Students will understand & use visual arts as a means for creative self-expression and interpersonal communication.** a. Analyze how visual arts may express concepts, tell stories, evoke moods or emotions and symbolize ideas. b. Communicate personal ideas, experiences, and emotions through a variety of visual art media, processes and techniques. c. Use artwork which communicates an understanding of themes or concepts from other disciplines.

**Standard 2-Students will understand the media/techniques & processes used in the production of visual arts** a. Analyze the various media & processes used in creating a variety of art forms. b. Analyze a variety of techniques which give artwork definition and detail. c. Determine and apply the appropriate compositional elements and organizational principles to solve specific visual art problems.

**Standard 3 - Students will understand the relationship between visual arts and history, culture and society.** a. Analyze how the visual arts record, preserve, highlight and symbolize the history of humanity. b. Analyze the role of visual arts in reflecting and influencing the culture and societies in which they are created. c. Analyze the influence of significant artists on the evolution of the various forms of visual arts.

**Standard 4 - Students will demonstrate a capacity for critical and sensitive response to various visual arts experiences.** a. Evaluate works of art in terms of artistic concepts, ideas, or intentions using criteria appropriate for the style or form. b. Justify visual art preferences using personal aesthetic criteria. c. Evaluate the quality and effectiveness of personal artwork using specific criteria.