

## Grades 6-8 Fine Arts Curriculum

### RATIONALE

Performing, creating, and responding to fine arts are basic processes for all people. Fine arts connect diverse groups of people to creative expressions. The fine arts are the foundation for life-long leisure skills that provide creative ideas and thoughts to be expressed through a variety of media. It provides relaxation and/or entertainment for people. Fine arts include such media as music, dance, drama, and arts and crafts.

### DESCRIPTION/PURPOSE

In essence, the fine arts curriculum is a foundation for assuming a holistic approach to teach students a variety of curricular areas that heighten sensory, communication and leisure areas. It serves as a foundation for literacy through symbolic representation of thoughts and ideas. Fine arts curriculum requires active engagement in learning, acceptance of creativity, linkage to other curricular areas, and generalization to the community. Often the fine arts serve as a motivator to teach students. The fine arts curriculum is a broad base subject that affects people of all ages in the past, present, and future posing a major force in the mores and culture of the time. These priorities focus on the attainment of graduate goals and the Show-Me Standards identified throughout the fine arts curriculum.

Through the fine arts curriculum, students with severe disabilities are able to build on long-range outcomes of the following:

1. Participate in communicative interactions that focus on preferences, choices, etc. of the fine arts
2. Indicate choices of media for leisure skills
3. Express the feelings the fine arts instill in them
4. Follow a routine to complete a fine arts item
5. Serve as a means for participation in cause-and-effect activities
6. Serve as a means for relaxation and/or sensory integration
7. Participate in a variety of recreational activities
8. Participate in fine arts community activities

### Content Description by Grade Level Span

Grade levels are divided into four segments; kindergarten-second grade; third-fifth grade; sixth-eighth grades; and, ninth-twelfth grades. Grade twelve can last up to four years. The curriculum is cumulative in that skills learned during the elementary years are expanded during the middle school grades and so forth. The goals and benchmarks for the student must be selected from the student's curricular grade span. We recognize that each student will accomplish the graduate goals by different means (goals mastered).

**Fine Arts      Grades 6-8**

**Graduate Goal 2** Graduates will make choices.

**Graduate Goal 4** Graduates will solve problems or complete tasks.

**Graduate Goal 7** Graduates will integrate sensory stimuli or find a positive alternative.

**GLE:** Not Available

**STRAND:** Not Available

**Show-Me Standard FA-1**  
Process and Techniques for the production, exhibition, or performance of one or more of the visual or performed arts.

**Alternate Framework Standard AltFA-1**  
Participating in one or more art forms.

**Alternate Process Standard:** (What All Students Should Do)  
Goal 1 Alt-5, Goal 4 Alt-1

Authentic Life Skills (What All Students Should Know)	IEP Code	API Code	Authentic Learning Activities
Display balance/equilibrium responses in a variety of positions.	7600117		Physical education activities to pick up items and race; cleaning room; hide and seek to find where a game is hidden, and then play the game.
Play cooperatively in a small group.	7600003		
Select the type of art material needed for an art activity.	7810038		
Use rubber stamps on various materials.	7810039		
Glue project together.	7600122		
Color simple pictures.	6046012		
Paint a picture with number-coded areas.	6811012		
Make a modeling clay form.	6818000		
Model clay into pottery by coil method.	6818011		
Take a photograph.	7810078		

**PARTICIPATION IN ART FORMS**

**Assessment of Student Performance: Performance tasks, student performance data, authentic assessment.**

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**Graduate Goal 2** Graduates will make choices.

**Graduate Goal 9** Graduates will participate in individual, group, and family recreational/leisure activities.

**GLE:** Not Available

**STRAND:** Not Available

**Show-Me Standard FA-2**  
The principles and elements of different art forms.

**Alternate Framework Standard AltFA-2**  
Demonstrating that different art forms require different materials and techniques.

**Alternate Process Standard:** (What All Students Should Do)  
Goal 2 Alt-4, Goal 2 Alt-5

Authentic Life Skills (What All Students Should Know)	IEP Code	API Code	Authentic Learning Activities
Reach for and/or grasp objects.	5023000		
Partially participate in a variety of tactile activities.	7600097		
Use one hand as an assist.	7600087		
Hold an object.	7810043		
Squeeze water from a sponge.	7600025		Use sponge to water plants, clean tables, and/or sponge painting.
Operate an electronic game/computer.	6799000		
Select videos.	7600190		
Move playing piece exact number of positions indicated on dice.	6768007		
Play game according to rules.	6750005		
Play game of cards.	7600070		
Deal cards.	7810087		
Operate a battery card shuffling machine.	7810088		
Choose an art form and select necessary materials.	7810041		
Roll pliable items with hand(s).	7810044		
Model clay using other materials such as toothpicks, straws, or pipe cleaners.	6818012		
Perform a social dance with one other partner.	6881000		
Perform a group dance to a complete song.	6887008		
<b>Assessment of Student Performance: Performance tasks, student performance data, authentic assessment.</b>			

**APPLICATION OF ART FORMS**

**Fine Arts      Grades 6-8**

**Graduate Goal 1**    Graduates will communicate.

**GLE:**                    Not Available

**STRAND:**            Not Available

**Show-Me Standard FA-3**

The vocabulary to explain perceptions about and evaluations of works in dance, music, theater and visual arts.

**Alternate Framework Standard AltFA-3**

Attending to and/or responding to a variety of art forms.

**Alternate Process Standard:**    (What All Students Should Do)

Goal 2 Alt-4, Goal 2 Alt-5

<b>Authentic Life Skills (What All Students Should Know)</b>	<b>IEP Code</b>	<b>API Code</b>	<b>Authentic Learning Activities</b>
Show responses to auditory stimulation.	5011008		Play music (one the student likes) and stop music, start music again when student make a movement, then repeat; looks at the musical instrument that is being played; play music relatively loud, then soft to evoke a response.
Indicate likes and dislikes of art forms.	7810045		Response either with facial expression or physical gestures to avoid textures or tactile substances; choose art medium to work with for an art project; have the student view pictures and tell if the people are happy, sad, etc.

**ATTENDING TO ART FORMS**

**Assessment of Student Performance: Performance tasks, student performance data, authentic assessment.**

**Fine Arts      Grades 6-8**

**Graduate Goal 2**    Graduates will make choices.

**Graduate Goal 9**    Graduates will participate in individual, group, and family recreational/leisure activities.

**GLE:**                    Not Available

**STRAND:**            Not Available

**Show-Me Standard FA-4**  
Inter-relationships of visual and performing arts and the relationships of the arts to other disciplines.

**Alternate Framework Standard AltFA-4**  
Including a variety of art forms in one's daily life.

**Alternate Process Standard:**    (What All Students Should Do)  
Goal 1 Alt-5, Goal 4 Alt-1

Authentic Life Skills (What All Students Should Know)	IEP Code	API Code	Authentic Learning Activities
Operate a television.	7810047		
Operate CD player.	6700000		
Operate radio.	6676000		
Adjust controls as needed.	6682005		
Adjust volume level.	6682003		
Wear headphones resting over both ears to listen to music.	7600197		
Select channel.	6682006		

**OPERATIONAL ART FORMS**

**Assessment of Student Performance: Performance tasks, student performance data, authentic assessment.**

**Fine Arts      Grades 6-8**

**Graduate Goal 9** Graduates will participate in individual, group, and family recreational/leisure activities.

**Graduate Goal 10** Graduates will interact within the community.

**GLE:** Not Available

**STRAND:** Not Available

**Show-Me Standard FA-5**  
Visual and performing arts in historical and cultural contexts.

**Alternate Framework Standard AltFA-5**  
Attending, responding and/or participating in art forms from a variety of cultures and historical periods.

**Alternate Process Standard:** (What All Students Should Do)  
Goal 1 Alt-9

Authentic Life Skills (What All Students Should Know)	IEP Code	API Code	Authentic Learning Activities
Participate in holiday related art activity and decoration.	7810048		Decorate room or personal space with holiday decorations; pick out decorations for season or holiday; create holiday decorations to send home to decorate the student's bedroom.
Assist in the development of a personal experience story.	7810049		Develop student interest books and/or student family story books.

**CULTURES AND HISTORICAL PERIODS**

**Assessment of Student Performance: Performance tasks, student performance data, authentic assessment.**