

Visual Arts Teacher Resources

2022-2023 School Year

This resource list is for new art educators, art educators new to Virginia, and any art teacher looking for a refresher on standards, standards-aligned instructional strategies, and professional learning resources.

Standards of Learning

- **The 2020 Visual Arts Standards of Learning:** The current standards are the *2020 Visual Arts Standards of Learning*. The foreword, introduction, goals, explanation of the strands, and health and safety information are at the front of the Standards of Learning document and contain important information about art education in Virginia.
- **Progression Charts:** The progression chart shows how the *Visual Arts Standards of Learning* progress in depth and complexity over the sequence of a course of study. Educators can use the progression charts to understand the bigger concepts and skills the standards encompass. In addition, educators can use the progression charts to scaffold instruction for differentiated learning needs.
 - **Elementary** (PDF)
 - **Middle** (PDF)
 - **High School** (PDF)
- **SOL Overview Recorded Webinars:** These 30-minute recordings and accompanying slide deck file provides an overview and explanation of the 2020 Standards.
 - **An Overview of the 2020 Visual Arts Standards of Learning for Elementary Art Teachers**
 - **An Overview of the 2020 Visual Arts Standards of Learning for Secondary Art Teachers**

Curriculum

- The Code of Virginia requires local school boards to implement standards and approve local curricula aligned to the standards. Discuss curriculum with the staff who oversee fine arts instruction in your division. If your division does not have a curriculum available, you may find this **curriculum writing slide deck** helpful for creating a framework for the scope and sequence of learning in your course(s).

Standards-aligned Sample Lessons

- **[VDOE Visual Arts Instructional Plans on GoOpenVA:](#)** Visual Arts education resources in this older are created by Virginia educators and curated by the Virginia Department of Education. Resources are aligned to the *Visual Arts Standards of Learning*.
- **[Virginia Museum of Fine Arts \(VMFA\) Lessons on GoOpenVA:](#)** Lesson materials from VMFA.
- **[Visual Arts Resources on eMediaVA:](#)** Sample lessons are searchable by topic, keyword, discipline, grade level, and SOL number. To learn more about fine arts resources on eMediaVA, **[you can view a recorded webinar](#)** to explain the platform, how to gain access, and how to start and organize a curated collection of instructional materials.

Professional Learning

- **[VDOE Professional Learning Resources on GoOpenVA:](#)** On-demand professional learning recorded webinars, resource documents, and other materials.
- **[Virginia Art Education Association:](#)** The website includes information on the yearly state conference, regional opportunities, advocacy tools, and more.
- **National Art Education Association (NAEA) Resources**
 - **[NAEA Website](#)** – Resources, opportunities, membership details, and information on the yearly National Convention are available on the website.
 - **[Monthly Webinar Series](#)** – The monthly webinar series presents relevant and timely information and resources on a variety of topics, and sessions are open to members and non-members of NAEA.

Communication

- **[Fine Arts Monthly Newsletter:](#)** VDOE fine arts staff send a monthly newsletter of timely resources, opportunities, and news. You can get on the list by emailing **Kelly.Bisogno@doe.virginia.gov**. Archives of the monthly newsletter are available at the bottom of the **[Fine Arts Instruction page of the VDOE Website](#)**.
- **[TeacherDirect:](#)** This weekly e-mail list establishes a direct line of communication with classroom teachers and educators. The goal of TeacherDirect is to share professional development, grant opportunities, and other information of particular interest to teachers and their students.