

## **Kyrene School District Visual Arts Curriculum (K-8)**

Study in the Visual Arts develops students' skills of observation as they learn to examine the objects and events of their lives. At the same time, they grow in their ability to describe, interpret, evaluate, and respond to work in the Visual Arts. The Visual Arts are extremely rich. Through examination of their own work and that of other people, times, and places, students learn to unravel the essence of artwork and to appraise its purpose and importance.

Within the Visual Arts curriculum, there are seven broad student outcomes that serve to organize the specific targets and target indicators at each grade level. These have been based on both the National Standards for Art Education and the Arizona State Standards.

1. Understanding and applying media, techniques, and processes.
2. Using knowledge of structures and functions.
3. Choosing and evaluating a range of subject matter, symbols, and ideas.
4. Understanding the Visual Arts in relation to history and cultures.
5. Reflecting upon and assessing the characteristics and merits of their works and others.
6. Making connections between the Visual Arts and other disciplines.
7. Writing about art.