

## Curriculum Tools

A variety of websites and tools exist to assist you in designing your arts-based curriculum. These resources provide detailed lesson plans, supplementary materials and guidance in best practices.

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For more information about Arts Learning, please contact the Arizona Commission on the Arts at:

**Arizona Commission on the Arts**

<http://www.azarts.gov/about-us/staff/>

## Discipline Specific

### DANCE

**Arizona Department of Education - End of Course Expectations** - A team of Arizona high school educators worked together to create course expectations based on state standards. These guidelines are NOT a state requirement but are a helpful tool for dance educators. <http://www.azed.gov/art-education/files/2013/03/dance-end-of-course-expectations-2010.pdf>

**Arizona Department of Education - State Dance Standards**  
<http://www.azed.gov/standards-practices/files/2011/09/dance.pdf>

**Who's Dancin' Now?** - The National Dance Institute's art education web site packed with resources for the classroom, for building local arts education partnerships, and for finding arts organizations in your community. <http://www.pbs.org/wnet/dancin/index.html>

### LITERACY

**Verse - Poetry for Young Children** - A curriculum of 38 poetry lesson plans for four to six year-old students, standards based curriculum that supports language development in children through playful exercised and exposure to poems from cotemporary and classic children's poets.  
<http://poetrycenter.arizona.edu/education/verse.shtml>

**T&W Digital Resource Center** - The Teachers & Writers Collaborative has developed a digital resource center, making it easier to search T&W's archives of magazines and books, along with material from other members of the Writers in the Schools Alliance; and to find lessons and exercises for the writing classroom, how-to pieces on teaching the work of particular writers, essays about teaching creative writing, profiles of creative writing programs, and more. <http://www.twcresources.org/>

### MUSIC

**Arizona Department of Education - State Music Standards**  
<http://www.azed.gov/standards-practices/files/2011/09/music.pdf>

**Artsource - The Music Center's Study Guide to the Performing Arts** - Designed to bring the expressive world of the arts into classrooms, Artsource allows a teacher to: Present artistic models in dance, music and theatre to your students, Integrate the arts with other subject areas, such as Language Arts, Social Studies, History and Science, Explore a broad spectrum of multicultural art forms with students in the classroom, Guide students through varied levels of Standards-based lessons. Teachers can select units in dance, music and theatre to bring to the classroom. <http://www.musiccenter.org/education/teacher-resources/artsourcecurriculum/>

**Classics for Kids** - An innovative program produced by Cincinnati Classical Public Radio, this website includes; radio broadcasts, games, multimedia Web site, lesson plan materials for teachers and CD recordings. <http://www.classicsforkids.com/>

**Songs for Teaching** - Contains thousands of pages for you to peruse -- many with lyrics, sound clips, and teaching suggestions. The top educational pros offer practical suggestions based on the latest in brain-based learning. Innovative teachers share their classroom pointers and extension activities using children's music. <http://songsforteaching.com/>

**TI:ME -The Technology Institute for Music Educators** - Assists music educators in applying technology to improve teaching and learning in music. <http://www.ti-me.org/>

**Musical Instrument Museum Curricula for Teachers** - The Musical Instrument Museum (MIM) has created unique curriculum resources through collaborative efforts of the MIM Education Team and K-12 educators. All lesson plans align with Arizona State Academic Standards and lessons are multidisciplinary, drawing on music education, science, and social studies. Visit the MIM website to learn more about their education resources. <http://mim.org/education/educator-resources/>

## THEATRE

**Arizona Department of Education End of Course Expectations** - A team of Arizona high school educators worked together to create course expectations based on state standards. These guidelines are NOT a state requirement but are a helpful tool for both theatre and technical theatre educators. <http://www.azed.gov/art-education/files/2013/03/theatre-arts-end-of-course-expectations-2010.pdf>

**Arizona Department of Education - State Theatre Standards**  
<http://www.azed.gov/standards-practices/files/2011/09/theatre.pdf>

**Arizona Theatre Company Online Lesson Plans** - The Arizona Theatre company has current and archived show-specific lesson plans that can be used along-side a visit to the theatre or in the classroom to illustrate different topics in theatre education. <http://www.arizonatheatre.org/education/overview-of-programs/lesson-plans>

**ArtsPrep Online** - The Theatrical Education Group is launching (fall 2013) a new online resource for arts educators which includes free access to hands-on based study. <http://www.theatricaleducationgroup.com/artspreponline.html>

## VISUAL ARTS

### Arizona Department of Education- State Visual Arts Standards

<http://www.azed.gov/standards-practices/files/2011/09/visualarts.pdf>

**Artsonia** - Allows teachers to integrate technology into the curriculum by allowing community to access class artwork; innovative class projects, share ideas and win honors and awards for class work.

<http://www.artsonia.com/teachers/default.asp>

**ArtSite** – Allows you to create your own customized teaching museum on a single computer or school network. ArtSite starts you off with a 64 page museum collection including 168 project suggestions, and 50 web site references. Includes a teacher's guide and how-to movies. ArtSite helps you easily add a gallery of student art to your school Internet website. <http://www.artsitenet.com/>

**ArtsConnectEd** – Aims to make arts education timely, engaging, interactive, and pertinent for both teachers and students of all ages. You will find: Access to the combined art collections, libraries, and archives of the Walker Art Center and The Minneapolis Institute of Arts. Full-color digital images of works of art, audio and video samples, and textual information, online activities for all age groups that range from simple exercises on color and scale to complex 3D environments and other links.

<http://www.artsconnected.org/>

**Behind the Glass** - A multimedia learning experience for 4th-6th grade students helps teachers and students understand the visual arts as vivid tools for learning in all curricular areas. Includes online activities, video clips, resources, lessons and more. <http://www.behindtheglass.org/>

**Getty Arts Education** - A good network of information and professional lesson plans.

<http://www.getty.edu/education>

**MoMA Online Resources** - The Museum of Modern Art offers teachers and students free access to a variety of resources including an online collection, customizable worksheets and slideshows, and a virtual tour of the galleries. <http://www.moma.org/learn/teachers/online>

**National Gallery of Art Classroom** - Includes "NGA Classroom", a special link for students and teachers that includes curriculum guides appropriate for K-12 based upon individualized topics in art history, specific artists, or links with other classes like math, social studies, and science.

<http://www.nga.gov/education/classroom/>

**Phoenix Art Museum Curricula** - Provides teachers with sample lessons based on the museum's collection as well as integration with other core subjects.

<http://www.phxart.org/education/educators/curricula>

**Red Studio** – Developed by MoMA (<http://www.moma.org/>) in collaboration with high school students, this website explores issues and questions raised by teens about modern art and today's working artists. <http://www.moma.org/redstudio/>

## General

**Arizona Department of Education - State Arts Standards** - This page links educators to state arts education standards and practices by discipline or grade level. <http://www.azed.gov/standards-practices/art-standards/>

**Arts Edge - Kennedy Center** - Helps educators to teach in, through and about the arts. Includes tools to help teachers develop curriculum that integrates the arts and lesson builders for the National Standards in the arts. <http://artsedge.kennedy-center.org/>

**The Arts in Every Classroom** - An eight-part video, Web, and print resource available free, thanks to the Annenberg Foundation and the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, for use by elementary school teachers and arts specialists. The link, under "Workshops & Courses," includes individual program descriptions and the opportunity to explore the workshop-specific website. <http://www.learner.org/>

**Critical Links** - A professional development tool that supports teachers in refining their expertise. Through an inquiry process, teachers develop questions pertinent to their classroom practices, gather evidence to answer those questions and share the results in a learning community. <http://www.critical-links.com/>

**Engaging Adolescents**-defines engagement and explains its benefits for both teens and arts organizations. It describes adolescents' key developmental needs, reviews points to consider when building relationships with them, and outlines nine fundamental strategies for developing successful programs. <http://nationalguild.org/getmedia/87975376-ddd4-4adb-9b84-dd4e94e90066/EngagingAdolescentsGuide.pdf.aspx?ext=.pdf>

**KinderArts** - Offers a variety of lesson plans and articles, including many arts disciplines, art history lesson plans, books for sale and multicultural arts lessons. <http://kinderart.com/>

**PBS Teacher Source** - One of the most comprehensive web sites created for prek-12 educators, PBS Teacher Source aggregates the educational services that PBS and its local stations provide and helps teachers learn effective ways to incorporate video and the web in the classroom. <http://www.pbs.org/teachersource/>

**TeachersFirst** - A searchable database of lessons and online resources. TeachersFirst searches can be narrowed by subject matter, grade level, and keywords. <http://www.teachersfirst.com/index.cfm>

**Smithsonian Center for Education and Museum** - Includes lesson plans on Art and Design. <http://www.smithsonianeducation.org/>

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