

BIG IDEAS

Photography is a unique art form that uses light and optics to capture images for artistic expression.

Photography reflects the interconnectedness of the individual, community, history, and society.

Growth as an artist is dependent on perseverance, resilience, and reflection.

Meaningful artistic expression requires the engagement of the mind and body.

Photography provides a unique way to represent self, personal identity, and cultural expression.

Learning Standards

Curricular Competencies	Content
<p><i>Students will be able to use creative processes to:</i></p> <p>Exploring and creating</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create photographic images collaboratively and as an individual using imagination, observation, and inquiry • Demonstrate creative thinking by using ideas inspired by exploration • Intentionally select and combine materials, processes, and image-making technologies to convey an idea • Engage in appropriate risk taking to express thoughts and emotions • Experiment with a wide range of materials, processes, and technologies to create photographic images • Apply skills that engage the body and mind • Develop skills and techniques in a wide range of styles and movements • Investigate and identify ways to use photography to reflect on, or respond to, social and environmental issues • Demonstrate active and disciplined engagement in creating photographic images and resolving creative challenges <p>Reasoning and reflecting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understand the purpose of a critique and choose when to apply suggestions • Describe and analyze, using the language of photography, how photographers use materials, technologies, processes, and environments • Apply thinking skills in the exploration, design, creation, and refinement of photographic images • Apply knowledge and skills from other areas of learning in the planning, creating, interpreting, and analyzing of photographic images • Develop personal answers to aesthetic questions 	<p><i>Students are expected to know the following:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • visual arts elements, principles, and image development strategies, as they apply to photography: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – elements: color, line, shape, space, texture, light, exposure, contrast – principles of composition: balance, rule of thirds, point of view, leading lines, framing, emphasis, movement, pattern, rhythm, unity, simplicity, depth, focal point – image development strategies: cropping, layering, colour manipulation rotation, multiplication, fragmentation, photomontage, elaboration • a range of materials, technologies, and processes used in one or more of the following types of photography: digital photography, darkroom photography, or alternative photographic processes • behaviour of light: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – principles of light – reflection, diffusion, absorption, contrast, and shadow – images formed by lenses and mirrors – effects of translucent, transparent, and opaque objects • ways of sensing light: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – optical instruments – cameras

Learning Standards (continued)

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<p>Communicating and documenting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Share, document, and appreciate photographic images in a variety of ways and contexts • Create photographs with a specific audience in mind • Communicate ideas and express emotions through photographic images • Demonstrate respect for self, others, and place through photographic image making • Use photographs to communicate and respond to social and environmental issues occurring locally, regionally, and globally as they connect to personal values • Engage in digital citizenship throughout the photographic process <p>Connecting and expanding</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create artistic works to reflect personal voice, story, and values in connection with a specific place, time, and context • Explore Aboriginal perspectives and knowledge, other ways of knowing, and local cultural knowledge to gain understanding through photography • Create personally meaningful photographic works that demonstrate an understanding of, and appreciation for, personal, social, cultural, environmental, and historical contexts • Expand photographic skills, processes, and inquiries in connection with family, community, and the world • Explore and engage in the reciprocal relationship between photography, cultures, and society • Explore the practice habits of professional photographers and other people in related careers • Adapt learned photographic skills or processes for use in new contexts • Apply problem-solving skills to facilitate innovation • Make connections through photography among individuals in a learning community and on a local, regional, and global scale • Demonstrate safe use, care, and maintenance of tools, equipment, materials, and work space • Demonstrate an understanding of photo chemistry if using film • Demonstrate increasingly sophisticated application of the elements and principles of photography, image development strategies, processes, and technologies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a variety of materials, strategies, techniques, and technologies that support photographic processes • symbols and metaphors to represent ideas and perspectives in photography • the role of the photographer and viewer in a variety of contexts • the influence of visual culture in social and other media • the impact of time and place on the emergence of photographic genres • contributions of innovative photographers from a variety of genres, contexts, time periods, and cultures, including Aboriginal culture • the influence of social, cultural, historical, political, and personal context on photographic works • a range of local, national, global, and intercultural photographers and genres • traditional and contemporary Aboriginal worldviews, stories, and history as expressed through photography • cross-cultural perspectives as communicated through photography • personal and social responsibility associated with creating, perceiving, and responding in photography • the ethics of cultural appropriation and plagiarism • the role of the photographer in presenting social justice issues to an audience