

Art Curriculum Review
Bedford Public Schools
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Davis and Lane Schools



Commendations :

- . Dedicated Art Director with Central Office that expresses strong support
- . Dedicated and passionate art teachers
- . Students who are engaged in their learning and work with confidence
- . Parents who are knowledgeable about and supportive of the art program
- . Good teaching and learning spaces
- . Sufficient budget
- . Art Link support of the annual K-12 Art Show

Recommendations:

- . Ensure that class periods are adequate and equitable across grade levels.
- . Provide sufficient transition time between elementary art periods.
- . Provide UbD training for art teachers.
- . Use a consistent UbD template for units of study that includes Frameworks Standards and assessments.
- . Provide more opportunities for collaboration for elementary art teachers to develop vertical alignment of curriculum.
- . Provide more technology to facilitate instruction and learning.
- . Provide art staff opportunities to learn instructional strategies for using technology.



John Glenn Middle School



Commendations:

- . Dedicated art staff with Central Office support
- . Art teachers very cognizant of middle school learner needs and interests
- . Classroom atmosphere welcoming and conducive to artistic risk-taking
- . Strong communication between the middle school art teachers
- . Piloting use of UbD format for documenting curriculum
- . Art Link support of the annual K-12 Art Show

Recommendations:

- . Develop curriculum maps.
- . Provide opportunities for transition meetings to facilitate vertical alignment of curriculum.
- . Provide professional development on assessment to prepare for the state's new requirements.
- . Provide more opportunities for training art staff in UbD.
- . Consider more technology for student use in the art rooms.



Bedford High School



Commendations:

- . Strong administrative support for the Art program
- . Highly favorable reviews for the program by guidance, students, parents
- . Flexibility by the department in scheduling to meet students' individual needs
- . Wide selection of courses available to students
- . Strong skills development in art courses
- . Strong foundation course (Art 1)
- . Regular peer reviews through critiques
- . Humanities course team - taught by art, music and English teachers
- . Good class sizes
- . Excellent facilities and centrally located display area
- . Comprehensive K-12 Art Show, highly praised by students, parents, teachers, administration

Recommendations:

- . Develop curriculum maps for each art course.
- . Continue documenting curriculum in UbD format.
- . Develop more Discipline-Based instruction that balances art-making , art criticism, art history, aesthetics.
- . Develop common assessments based on Essential Questions and Learning Goals.
- . Update the computer lab.
- . Develop an AP art course .
- . Consider starting a chapter of the Art National Honor Society
- . Better communicate the value of the Art program – its rigor and relevance.



K- 12 Art Show