



## Understanding The Cultural Dimensions and Contributions of The Arts

### Standard 4

**Students will** develop an understanding of the personal and cultural forces that shape artistic communication and how the arts in turn shape the diverse cultures of past and present society.

**Key Idea: Students will** explore art and artifacts from various historical periods and world cultures to discover the roles that art plays in the lives of people of a given time and place and to understand how the time and place influence the visual characteristics of the art work. Students will explore art to understand the social, cultural, and environmental dimensions of human society.

### **Performance Indicators--Students will:**

#### **Elementary**

- look at and discuss a variety of art works and artifacts from world cultures to discover some important ideas, issues, and events of those cultures
- look at a variety of art works and artifacts from diverse cultures of the United States and identify some distinguishing characteristics
- create art works that show the influence of a particular culture

#### **Intermediate**

- demonstrate how art works and artifacts from diverse world cultures reflect aspects of those cultures
- demonstrate the ways in which some particular art works and artifacts reflect important aspects of the diverse cultures of the United States
- create art works that reflect a particular historical period of a culture

#### **Commencement**

- analyze works of art from diverse world cultures and discuss the ideas, issues, and events of the culture that these works convey
- examine works of art and artifacts from United States cultures and place them within a cultural and historical context
- create art works that reflect a variety of cultural influences

### **Commencement Major Sequence**

- present a body of work within their portfolio that reflects the influences of variety of cultural styles
- interpret the meaning of works and artifacts in terms of the cultures that produced them
- explain how cultural values have been expressed in the visual arts, how art works have been used to bring about cultural change and how the art of a culture has been influenced by art works coming from outside that culture