

## 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.

- ❖ Discipline Specific
  - Dance
  - Literacy
  - Music
  - Visual Arts
  
- ❖ General

*For more information contact the Arts Learning Department at the Arizona Commission on the Arts.  
<http://www.azarts.gov/who-we-are/staff>*



## DISCIPLINE SPECIFIC

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### DANCE

- **Dance Education** - Created by The Ohio Arts Council to disseminate resources for dance learning in diverse educational settings via worldwide links provides efficient access to state-of-the-art, research-based "best practice" resources on dance teaching and learning that shape a broad vision of dance education.  
<http://danceducationweb.org/>
- **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>

### MUSIC

- **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/artsource\\_index.html](http://www.musiccenter.org/education/artsource_index.html)
- **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/>
- **National Endowment for the Arts Jazz in the Schools Website** - An educational resource for high school teachers of social studies, U.S. history, and music. <http://www.neajazzintheschools.org/>
- **The Online Educator Network (OEN)** - Part of the Professional Development Program of the Music Center Education Division, OEN aims to use the web to help educators bring the arts into the classroom. Thirty lesson plans, developed by teachers in MCED programs, are available online.  
[http://www.musiccenter.org/education/educators\\_aboutoen.html](http://www.musiccenter.org/education/educators_aboutoen.html)
- **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/>

- **Teach Opera** - A national collaboration between Opera America members dedicated to providing education materials, which support K-12 teachers and teaching artists using opera in their classroom curricula. The well-designed site includes lesson plans, resources and a searchable opera database. <http://www.teachop.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/>

## VISUAL ARTS

- **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/index.htm>
- **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.artconnected.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>
- **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/>
- **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://redstudio.moma.org/about/index.php>

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## GENERAL

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- **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/>
  - **ARTSplash** - A source for arts-based curriculum that has been created by teachers, for teachers. <http://www.artsplash.pdx.edu/>
  - **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.criticallinks.org/>
  - **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/>
  - **Smithsonian Center for Education and Museum Studies** - Includes lesson plans on Art and Design. <http://www.smithsonianeducation.org/>
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