Arts Education

With the passage of the Goals 2000: Educate America Act, education in the visual and performing arts was written into federal law. The law acknowledges the arts as a core subject, as important to education as language arts, mathematics, history, science, and foreign languages. Furthermore, San Diego Unified requires courses in visual and performing arts for high school graduation.

The California Education Code mandates study of the visual and performing arts (dance, music, theatre, and visual art) for grades 1 through 6 (Section 51210) and 7 through 12 (Section 51220). Courses shall be aimed at the development of aesthetic appreciation and the skills of creative expression.

Standards

Instruction in the visual and performing arts should reflect the conceptual shifts of the California Arts Standards, adopted in January 2019. The California Arts Standards are designed as spiral curriculum, with a focus on developing and increasing students’ artistic literacy, creativity, and critical thinking skills within each arts discipline. Students will emerge from their arts courses prepared for college, career, or conservatory, and with a lifetime of arts appreciation.

- The California Arts Standards for Public Schools, Prekindergarten Through Grade Twelve (Arts Standards) was adopted by the State Board of Education on January 9, 2019. All arts courses use the same four artistic processes: creating, presenting/performing/producing, responding, and connecting.
- The California Arts Framework for Public Schools, Kindergarten Through Grade Twelve (Arts Framework) will be recommended to the State Board of Education for adoption in May 2020.
- These documents are available at: https://www.cde.ca.gov/be/st/ss/vapacontentstds.asp

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Elementary Visual and Performing Arts Courses (Grades TK–6)

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* For grade 6 students in an elementary school setting.

ART: TK/K

Strands emphasized:
Creating; presenting; responding; connecting

COURSE DESCRIPTION
This course introduces the elements of art as basic components of visual literacy. Instruction includes identity and description of line, basic geometric shapes, eight basic colors, and “form” as a term indicating three dimensions. Students recognize and describe simple patterns in the environment and in works of art. They demonstrate beginning skill in the use of art tools (graphite and colored pencils, crayons, watercolor and tempera paint, scissors, glue, and clay) to express feelings and ideas. This course provides the opportunity for students to make art in collaboration with others and individually, describe what an image represents, and build art vocabulary through discussion on personal portfolios and exhibitions.

BASIC INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS
SDUSD VAPA Core Learnings, 2005, available on-line at: www.sandi.net/staff/visual-and-performing-arts-vapa/visual-arts

SUPPLEMENTARY RESOURCES
Art Study Sets (19 titles; available at the IMC).

ART: GRADE 1

Strands emphasized:
Creating; presenting; responding; connecting

COURSE DESCRIPTION
Students explore basic components of visual literacy. The analysis of line quality, classification of eight basic colors as primary, secondary, and neutral, and the introduction of implied and actual texture develop their understanding of the elements of art. Students replicate, predict, and create simple patterns in works of art to make meaning. Students develop skill in the use of art tools (graphite and colored pencils, crayons, watercolor and tempera paint, scissors, chalk, and clay) for self-expression and to distinguish between media when looking at works of art. Instruction includes theme or subject matter in works of art (still life, portrait, landscape). This course provides the opportunity for students to make art in collaboration with others and individually, compare images that represent the same subject, and build art vocabulary through discussion on personal portfolios, exhibitions, and culturally important works of art.

BASIC INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS
Art Prints, Levels 1–3: Set A.
SDUSD VAPA Core Learnings, 2005, available on-line at: www.sandi.net/staff/visual-and-performing-arts-vapa/visual-arts

SUPPLEMENTARY RESOURCES
Art Study Sets (19 titles; available at the IMC).

ART: GRADE 2
Strands emphasized:
Creating; presenting; responding; connecting

COURSE DESCRIPTION
This course develops students’ understanding of the elements of art by introducing space, with a focus on composition and warm and cool colors and their relationship to mood. Students use repetition in their own original works of art to strengthen meaning, while refining acquired and developing new skills in the use of art tools (printmaking, paper weaving, and oil pastels) for self-expression. Instruction includes exploring the illusion of space through overlapping and bi-lateral and radial symmetry. This course provides the opportunity for students to begin to recognize cultural diversity by exploring art from various cultures represented in their classroom and build art vocabulary through discussion of personal portfolios, exhibitions, and works of art.

BASIC INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS
Art Prints, Levels 1–3: Set A.

SUPPLEMENTARY RESOURCES
Art Study Sets (19 titles; available at the IMC).

ART: GRADE 3
Strands emphasized:
Creating; presenting; responding; connecting

COURSE DESCRIPTION
This course develops understanding of the elements of art by focusing on the illusion of space (foreground, middle ground, and background) and introduces value through tints and shades (color). The principles of art are introduced by examining how repeating elements in works of art can create rhythm and movement. Instruction includes size relationships, placement, intensity, and tints and shades in students’ original works of art. The introduction of a personal sketchbook/journal gives the third grader a new art tool to record art vocabulary, illustrate examples, practice skills, and develop ideas for original works of art. This course provides the opportunity for students to explore observational drawing skills by using their visual environment as themes for personal portfolios. Students build knowledge of cultural diversity by exploring art from various cultures within the region while build art vocabulary through discussion of exhibitions and works of art.

BASIC INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS
Art Prints, Levels 1–3: Set A.
SDUSD VAPA Core Learnings, 2005, available on-line at: www.sandi.net/staff/visual-and-performing-arts-vapa/visual-arts

SUPPLEMENTARY RESOURCES
Art Study Sets (19 titles; available at the IMC).

ART: GRADE 4
Strands emphasized:
Creating; presenting; responding; connecting

COURSE DESCRIPTION
This course uses positive and negative space and complementary colors (elements of art) to introduce contrast and emphasis (principles of design). Students explore the concept of proportion by learning the conventions of facial and figure drawing. This course builds observational drawing skills through the practice of shading techniques. This course helps students develop good artistic habits by continuing to use a sketchbook/journal. Students use new art-making tools by creating additive and subtractive sculptures and weavings while focusing on
handmade art by diverse cultures in California both currently and in the past. Visual literacy skills and visual art vocabulary are strengthened through discussion and written analysis and interpretation of exhibitions and works of art.

**Basic Instructional Materials**


Art Prints, Levels 4–6: Set B

SDUSD VAPA Core Learnings, 2005, available on-line at: www.sandi.net/staff/visual-and-performing-arts-vapa/visual-arts

**Supplementary Resources**

Art Study Sets (19 titles; available at the IMC).

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**Art: Grade 5**

Strands emphasized:

Creating; presenting; responding; connecting

**Course Description**

This course introduces the principles of design as a compositional concept, focusing on unity and harmony. Representational, abstract, and non-representational (non-objective) works of art are identified, described, and created using all the elements of art thoughtfully. This course deepens observational drawing skills through gesture, contour, and single-point perspective (transparent and solid geometric objects in space) drawing instruction. The use of individual sketchbooks/journals continues as students solve art-making problems using found objects, traditional mixed media, and electronic media where available. Students begin to develop criteria to evaluate works of art in cultural and historical context.

**Basic Instructional Materials**


Art Prints, Levels 4–6: Set B

**Supplementary Resources**

Art Study Sets (19 titles; available at the IMC).

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**Dance: TK/K**

Strands emphasized:

Creating; performing; responding; connecting

**Course Description**

This course is intended to meet state and national dance standards. The focus is on responding to stimuli and exploring creativity. Students will learn to work with peers through guided improvised
experiences, identify and apply the dance elements, understand the difference between real and imagined, use their bodies to create shapes, express ideas and emotions, and participate in simple cultural dance.

**BASIC INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS**

SDUSD VAPA Core Learnings, 2005, available on-line at: www.sandi.net/staff/visual-and-performing-arts-vapa/dance

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**DANCE: GRADE 1**

**Strands emphasized:**
Creating; performing; responding; connecting

**COURSE DESCRIPTION**

This course is intended to meet state and national dance standards. Students will respond to and identify a variety of stimuli; learn to create movement vocabulary through guided improvised experiences; collaborate with peers through changing formation, group dances, and improvisation; create simple movement phrases through improvisation; use the dance elements; identify movement characteristics; explore and explain their individual creative process; use beginning dance vocabulary; demonstrate a range of movements, patterns, shapes, and directions; make personal connections to dance experiences; participate in cultural dance; remember and perform short sequences; and begin to give and receive critiques. Students practice both the roles of the dancer and the audience.

**BASIC INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS**

SDUSD VAPA Core Learnings, 2005, available on-line at: www.sandi.net/staff/visual-and-performing-arts-vapa/dance

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**DANCE: GRADE 2**

**Strands emphasized:**
Creating; performing; responding; connecting

**COURSE DESCRIPTION**

This course is intended to meet state and national dance standards. Students continue developing skills introduced at the first-grade level, adding depth and specificity to the subject matter. Students explore movements inspired by a variety of stimuli and suggest additional stimuli. Guided dance experiences include more detail. Students manipulate the dance elements with exploring movement. Students create simple improvised dance phrases with a beginning, middle and end that convey a main idea. Students use all of the dance elements when creating movement. Beginning choreographed dance is introduced to perform and/or created to show multiple solutions to an open-ended dance suggestion or problem. Informal sharing opportunities are available. There is a focus on collaboration, responding to dance while making personal connections, and comparing dance from multiple cultures. Students also use inquiry-based set of questions to create movement to express a specific idea. Students explore simple production elements.

**BASIC INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS**

SDUSD VAPA Core Learnings, 2005, available on-line at: www.sandi.net/staff/visual-and-performing-arts-vapa/dance

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**DANCE: GRADE 3**

**Strands emphasized:**
Creating; performing; responding; connecting

**COURSE DESCRIPTION**

This course is intended to meet state and national dance standards. At this level students experiment with a variety of self-identified stimuli and focus on creating choreography through improvisation, choreographic devices, and developing movement vocabulary. Students collaborate in teams, participating in a rehearsal process to devise a piece of dance that demonstrates understanding of the elements of dance and dance structure while conveying an idea. As dancers, students perform and apply specific characteristics to elevate the effect of their intent and focus. Opportunities to share and reflect occur at regular intervals. Students are able to make and articulate personal connections related to the dance and the creative process. Evaluation, critique, the audience’s and community’s role in dance, choreography, and dance history are also introduced. Special attention is paid to dance of the Native American culture. Students explore simple
production elements for an audience in a performance space and use production terminology.

**BASIC INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS**
SDUSD VAPA Core Learnings, 2005, available on-line at: www.sandi.net/staff/visual-and-performing-arts-vapa/dance

**DANCE: GRADE 4**
**Strands emphasized:**
Creating; performing; responding; connecting

**COURSE DESCRIPTION**
This course is intended to meet state and national dance standards. In grade 4, students focus on identifying ideas for choreography, manipulating dance elements, modifying choreographic devices, and refining movement based on peer feedback and movement analysis. Students dance in an ensemble to coordinate timing and establish relationship with focus. Students work in collaborative teams, use improvisation and other techniques to create original dance pieces, participate in the rehearsal process, and revise and refine work. Students demonstrate fundamental dance technique to extend movement range, build strength, and develop endurance. Observation, reflection, and evaluation skills are more specifically taught, and students are asked to identify style and theme, decipher meaning in a dance, and discuss characteristics that make a dance artistic. Students identify how dance reflects culture and further investigate dance history. Special attention is paid to dance of the cultures and ethnic groups throughout the history of California. Students explore and experiment with production elements to heighten artistic intent and audience experience in informal and formal settings.

**BASIC INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS**
SDUSD VAPA Core Learnings, 2005, available on-line at: www.sandi.net/staff/visual-and-performing-arts-vapa/dance

**MUSIC: TK/K**
**Strands emphasized:**
Creating; performing; responding; connecting

**COURSE DESCRIPTION**
This course is intended to help students meet district-adopted music content and performance standards.

**BASIC INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS**
SDUSD VAPA Core Learnings, 2005, available on-line at: www.sandi.net/staff/visual-and-performing-arts-vapa/music
MUSIC: GRADE 1
Strands emphasized:
Creating; performing; responding; connecting

COURSE DESCRIPTION
This course is intended to help students meet district-adopted music content and performance standards.

BASIC INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS
Making Music, Grade 1, Silver Burdett, 2005.
SDUSD VAPA Core Learnings, 2005, available on-line at: www.sandi.net/staff/visual-and-performing-arts-vapa/music

MUSIC: GRADE 2
Strands emphasized:
Creating; performing; responding; connecting

COURSE DESCRIPTION
This course is intended to help students meet district-adopted music content and performance standards.

BASIC INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS
Making Music, Grade 2, Silver Burdett, 2005.
SDUSD VAPA Core Learnings, 2005, available on-line at: www.sandi.net/staff/visual-and-performing-arts-vapa/music

MUSIC: GRADE 3
Strands emphasized:
Creating; performing; responding; connecting

COURSE DESCRIPTION
This course is intended to help students meet district-adopted music content and performance standards.

BASIC INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS
Making Music, Grade 3, Silver Burdett, 2005.
SDUSD VAPA Core Learnings, 2005, available on-line at: www.sandi.net/staff/visual-and-performing-arts-vapa/music

MUSIC: GRADE 4
Strands emphasized:
Creating; performing; responding; connecting

COURSE DESCRIPTION
This course is intended to help students meet district-adopted music content and performance standards.

BASIC INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS
Making Music, Grade 4, Silver Burdett, 2005.
SDUSD VAPA Core Learnings, 2005, available on-line at: www.sandi.net/staff/visual-and-performing-arts-vapa/music

MUSIC: GRADE 5
Strands emphasized:
Creating; performing; responding; connecting

COURSE DESCRIPTION
This course is intended to help students meet district-adopted music content and performance standards.

BASIC INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS
Making Music, Grade 5, Silver Burdett, 2005.
SDUSD VAPA Core Learnings, 2005, available on-line at: www.sandi.net/staff/visual-and-performing-arts-vapa/music

MUSIC: GRADE 6
Strands emphasized:
Creating; performing; responding; connecting

COURSE DESCRIPTION
This course is intended to help students meet district-adopted music content and performance standards.

BASIC INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS
Making Music, Grade 6, Silver Burdett, 2005.
SDUSD VAPA Core Learnings, 2005, available on-line at: www.sandi.net/staff/visual-and-performing-arts-vapa/music
THEATRE: TK/K
Strands emphasized:
Creating; performing; responding; connecting

COURSE DESCRIPTION
This course is intended to meet state and national theatre standards. The focus is on dramatic play and exploring creativity. Students will learn to work collaboratively with peers through guided drama experiences, identify characters and setting, understand the difference between real and imagined, understand and utilize the actor’s tools of body, voice and imagination, express emotions, and participate in storytelling activities.

BASIC INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS
SDUSD VAPA Core Learnings, 2005, available on-line at: www.sandi.net/staff/visual-and-performing-arts-vapa/theatre

THEATRE: GRADE 1
Strands emphasized:
Creating; performing; responding; connecting

COURSE DESCRIPTION
This course is intended to meet state and national theatre standards. Students will learn to create characters through guided dramatic experiences; collaborate with peers through pantomime, tableau, and improvisation; create beginning elements of technical theatre; use the actor’s tools; identify basic plot structure of beginning, middle and end; explore and explain their individual creative process; use beginning theatre vocabulary; demonstrate physical acting; make personal connections to dramatic experiences; create short scenes; and begin to give and receive critiques. Students practice both the roles of the actor and the audience.

BASIC INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS
SDUSD VAPA Core Learnings, 2005, available on-line at: www.sandi.net/staff/visual-and-performing-arts-vapa/theatre

THEATRE: GRADE 2
Strands emphasized:
Creating; performing; responding; connecting

COURSE DESCRIPTION
This course is intended to meet state and national theatre standards. Students continue developing skills introduced at the first grade level, adding depth and specificity to the subject matter. Guided dramatic experiences include more detail. In addition to plot, attention is paid to setting, conflict, and theme. Students create simple props and scenery for projects. Students use all of the actor’s tools when creating characters. Beginning devised theatre and/or improvisation is introduced to create dialogue, scenarios, and multiple solutions to an open-ended theatrical suggestion or problem. Informal sharing opportunities are available. There is a focus on collaboration, responding to theatre while making personal connections, and comparing the same story from multiple cultures to create a dramatic piece. Students also use nonfiction literary sources to create scenes and identify universal characters from various time periods.

BASIC INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS
SDUSD VAPA Core Learnings, 2005, available on-line at: www.sandi.net/staff/visual-and-performing-arts-vapa/theatre

THEATRE: GRADE 3
Strands emphasized:
Creating; performing; responding; connecting

COURSE DESCRIPTION
This course is intended to meet state and national theatre standards. At this level, students focus on exploring the imagination through improvisation, creating character, and investigating costume and scenic design ideas in simple formats. Students collaborate in teams, participating in a rehearsal process to devise a piece of theatre that demonstrates understanding of the elements of dramatic structure. As actors, students elevate physical, vocal, and emotional work. Opportunities to share and reflect occur at regular intervals. Students are able to make and articulate personal connections related to the
dramatic work and the creative process. Evaluation, critique, the audience’s and community’s role in theatre, beginning playwriting, and theatre history are also introduced.

**Basic Instructional Materials**
SDUSD VAPA Core Learnings, 2005, available on-line at: [www.sandi.net/staff/visual-and-performing-arts-vapa/theatre](http://www.sandi.net/staff/visual-and-performing-arts-vapa/theatre)

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**Theatre: Grade 4**

**Strands emphasized:**
Creating; performing; responding; connecting

**Course Description**

This course is intended to meet state and national theatre standards. In grade 4, students focus on envisioning imagined worlds, articulating details of those worlds, and creating characters that live in them. Students work in collaborative teams, use improvisation and other techniques to create original theatrical pieces, participate in the rehearsal process, revise and refine work, participate in group acting exercises, explore technical theatre elements to support storytelling, and perform for peers in informal settings. Observation, reflection, and evaluation skills are more specifically taught, and students are asked to identify how characters change physically when emotions change. Students identify how theatre reflects culture and further investigate theatre history. Special attention is paid to the storytelling traditions in the cultures of the ethnic groups throughout the history of California and the key developments in the entertainment industry in California. Students have the opportunity to compare and contrast the impact of theatre vs. film.

**Basic Instructional Materials**
SDUSD VAPA Core Learnings, 2005, available on-line at: [www.sandi.net/staff/visual-and-performing-arts-vapa/theatre](http://www.sandi.net/staff/visual-and-performing-arts-vapa/theatre)

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**Theatre: Grade 5**

**Strands emphasized:**
Creating; performing; responding; connecting

**Course Description**

This course is intended to meet state and national theatre standards. In grade 5 students continue to refine theatre skills. Character work now includes exploration of inner traits, subtext, and given circumstances. The actor’s tools are used to full effect. Students develop, rehearse, and revise original and scripted works. Creative solutions to technical design problems are explored and executed. Students collaborate as part of a production team, select and use appropriate acting activities and exercises to further the creative process, and present theatre work in informal settings to an audience. Students further develop their ability to interpret and reflect on the creative process, explaining why characters act the way they do. Students learn to evaluate the effectiveness of their own theatrical work as well as the work of others. There is additional exploration of theatre history, including musical theatre, with a focus on making connections to the modern day. Students analyze the role of media in their daily lives.

**Basic Instructional Materials**
SDUSD VAPA Core Learnings, 2005, available on-line at: [www.sandi.net/staff/visual-and-performing-arts-vapa/theatre](http://www.sandi.net/staff/visual-and-performing-arts-vapa/theatre)

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**Theatre: Grade 6**

**Strands emphasized:**
Creating; performing; responding; connecting

**Course Description**

This course is intended to meet state and national theatre standards. At the sixth-grade level, students explore more formalized theatrical experiences. They participate in creative staging and design challenges; scripted and improvised character work; the development process of a theatre piece; selecting material, analyzing, rehearsing, experimenting, and producing; and performing in an informal setting for an audience. Students identify how personal and cultural perspectives influence how theatre is interpreted, further explore the role of theatre in society and how time periods can influence design choices. Students evaluate their own work and the work of others using supporting evidence. They engage in more advanced improvisational, acting, and playwriting activities. Research projects on ancient theatre history and careers in theatre may be included.
BASIC INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS

SDUSD VAPA Core Learnings, 2005, available on-line at: www.sandi.net/staff/visual-and-performing-arts-vapa/theatre
Dance Courses (Grades 5–12)
Sequence of Districtwide Courses*

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* Pilot courses and courses approved by the Board of Education to be offered at specific sites only are also described below. Please note that other schools may not offer these courses without prior approval from the Interdivisional Curriculum Committee.

§ This course is currently accepted by the University of California as meeting its (visual and performing arts) entrance requirement. However, each district high school seeking recognition by the university of this course for its students must include the course on its individual UC-approved list.

BALLET 6TH–8TH BEGINNING • 4861
Grade level: 6–8
Prerequisites: None
Course duration: Two semesters

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Site-Adopted Course. Approved for the San Diego School of Creative and Performing Arts (SCPA). Other schools may not offer this course without prior approval from the Interdivisional Curriculum Committee.

Ballet 6th–8th Beginning allows beginning middle-school dancers to develop their ballet technique using the VAPA content standards and the National Core Arts Standards. Students learn and practice basics in ballet skill development and proper body alignment along with dance safety, technical strength, and endurance. They study, analyze, and modify their foot articulation, body and directional positions, execution of basic ballet vocabulary, and begin to develop overall artistry as they assimilate these core ideas. Students study and perform balletic dance that takes place in a variety of performance settings. They create dance competitions based on improvisation and evaluate performances using rubrics and agreed-upon methods of evaluation.

This course is part of the scope and sequence of pre-dance majors that prepares them to audition for the high school dance program.

BASIC INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS
Each site selects its own resources from available instructional media.

BALLET 6TH–8TH INTERMEDIATE • 4862
Grade level: 6–8
Prerequisites: Ballet 6th–8th Beginning, or approval of instructor
Course duration: Two semesters

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Site-Adopted Course. Approved for the San Diego School of Creative and Performing Arts (SCPA). Other schools may not offer this course without prior approval from the Interdivisional Curriculum Committee.

Ballet 6th–8th Intermediate allows advanced middle-school dancers to develop their ballet technique using the VAPA content standards and the National Core Arts Standards. Students learn and practice ballet skill development and proper body alignment along with dance safety, technical strength, and endurance. They study, analyze, and modify their foot articulation, body and directional positions, execution of advanced ballet vocabulary, and begin to hone their overall artistry as they assimilate these core ideas. Students study and perform balletic dance that takes place in a variety of performance settings. They create dance competitions based on improvisation.
and evaluate performances using rubrics and agreed-upon methods of evaluation.

This course is part of the scope and sequence of pre-dance majors that prepares them to audition for the high school dance program.

**Basic Instructional Materials**
Each site selects its own resources from available instructional media.

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**Ballet 6th–8th Advanced • 4863**

*Grade level:* 6–8  
*Prerequisites:* Ballet 6th–8th Intermediate, or approval of instructor  
*Course duration:* Two semesters

**Course Description**

*Site-Adopted Course.* Approved for the San Diego School of Creative and Performing Arts (SCPA). Other schools may not offer this course without prior approval from the Interdivisional Curriculum Committee.

Ballet 6th–8th Intermediate allows advanced middle-school dancers to develop their ballet technique using the VAPA content standards and the National Core Arts Standards. Students learn and practice ballet skill development and proper body alignment along with dance safety, technical strength, and endurance. They study, analyze, and modify their foot articulation, body and directional positions, execution of advanced ballet vocabulary, and begin to hone their overall artistry as they assimilate these core ideas. Students study and perform balletic dance that takes place in a variety of performance settings. They create dance competitions based on improvisation and evaluate performances using rubrics and agreed-upon methods of evaluation.

This course is part of the scope and sequence of pre-dance majors that prepares them to audition for the high school dance program.

**Basic Instructional Materials**
Each site selects its own resources from available instructional media.

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**Ballet 1,2 (P) • 4826, 4827**

*Grade level:* 9–12  
*Prerequisites:* Audition and/or teacher recommendation, and one year of Theatre Dance  
*Course duration:* Two semesters  
*Graduation credit:* Visual and Performing Arts  
*UC subject area satisfied:* f (visual and performing arts)

**Course Description**

Ballet 1,2 is an introductory course that allows students to develop basic ballet skills and technique, along with dance safety, technical strength, and endurance. They learn and practice foot articulation, body and directional positions, and basic ballet movements. Their artistry improves as they assimilate core ideas of the dance form. Students perform ballet repertoire in a variety of settings and evaluate performances using rubrics and agreed upon assessment criteria. They acquire and use basic ballet terminology and study the history of ballet from the Renaissance to the present.

*Note:* this course earns Visual and Performing Arts, *not* Physical Education, graduation credit.

**Basic Instructional Materials**
Each site selects its own resources from available instructional media.

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**Ballet 3,4 (P) • 4828, 4829**

*Grade level:* 10–12  
*Prerequisites:* Ballet 1,2; audition and/or teacher recommendation  
*Course duration:* Two semesters  
*Graduation credit:* Visual and Performing Arts  
*UC subject area satisfied:* f (visual and performing arts)

**Course Description**

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VAPA-12
**Site-Adopted Course.** Approved for the San Diego School of Creative and Performing Arts (SCPA). Other schools may not offer this course without prior approval from the Interdivisional Curriculum Committee.

This course provides a second year of ballet study to students interested in further developing their technique and becoming better versed in the repertoire. Students begin to monitor and modify independently their foot articulation, body alignment, body and directional positions, musicality/phrasing, and execution of ballet vocabulary. Their overall artistry improves as they assimilate these core ideas. Students perform repertoire from different historical periods and a variety genres, and use more complex evaluation criteria to analyze performances. They study works by prominent choreographers, as well as music forms and structures as they pertain to choreography. Students display proficient rehearsal and performance etiquette, and present in formal and informal performances.

**Note:** this course earns Visual and Performing Arts, *not* Physical Education, graduation credit.

**Basic Instructional Materials**
Each site selects its own resources from available instructional media.

### BALLET 7,8 (P) • 5976, 5977

**Grade level:** 12  
**Prerequisites:** Ballet 5,6; audition and/or teacher recommendation  
**Course duration:** Two semesters  
**Graduation credit:** Visual and Performing Arts  
**UC subject area satisfied:** f (visual and performing arts)

**Course Description**

**Site-adopted Course.** Approved for the San Diego School of Creative and Performing Arts (SCPA). Other schools may not offer this course without prior approval from the Interdivisional Curriculum Committee.

This course represents the highest level of training for the professionally aspiring dance student who has mastered the advanced curriculum of Ballet 5,6. Performance, dance production, and faculty repertoire are studied, with an emphasis on ballet and pointe technique. Academic instruction includes principles of teaching, choreography/composition, and career opportunities in dance and related fields.

**Note:** this course earns Visual and Performing Arts, *not* Physical Education, graduation credit.

**Basic Instructional Materials**
Each site selects its own resources from available instructional media.
Ballet 7,8 Honors is the culmination of the dance education of the advanced ballet student, as it not only connects their performance skills with their ability to investigate and solve dance challenges in a sophisticated manner, but also requires deeper subject research, more analytical thinking, and new complex interactions with ballet. Students demonstrate independence by performing alone and in small groups, making appropriate personal choices of interpretation, artistry, and musicality/phrasing at a superior level of technique. Students independently analyze, monitor and modify their foot articulation, body alignment, body and directional positions, musicality/phrasing, execution of elite ballet vocabulary and artistry as they further refine these core ideas. Students perform repertoire integrating a professional level of rehearsal etiquette/protocols, technical skill and intent. Students conduct in-depth research and analyze diverse repertoire with foci on current ballet dance notables and significant balletic works of the 19th, 20th, and 21st centuries, including ballet variations. They develop an expanded knowledge of professional-level ballet techniques and vocabulary. Students create intricate ballet compositions using dance structures, musical forms, and technology with artistry. Students noteate these dance compositions using established forms or their own personal system. Students evaluate intellectually challenging live and/or recorded performances using sophisticated analysis. Final written and performance projects in both semesters cover in-depth research, challenging repertoire selection, critical analysis of dance challenges, and an individual capstone performance.

Basic Instructional Materials
Each site selects its own resources from available instructional media.

Choreography/Technique 1,2 (P) • 5926, 5927
Grade level: 9-11
Prerequisites: Theatre Dance 1, 2 or equivalent; and PE Ballet 1,2 or PE Modern 1,2
Course duration: Two semesters
Graduation credit: Visual and Performing Arts
UC subject area satisfied: f (visual and performing arts)

Course Description

Site-adopted Course. Approved for the San Diego School of Creative and Performing Arts (SCPA). Other schools may not offer this course without prior approval from the Interdivisional Curriculum Committee.

This course is required for all students who plan to study dance beyond the intermediate level (the 3,4 sequence of courses).

This course delves into the creative component of dance, exploring the use of mind and spirit as they relate to expression through movement. Students explore the choreographic process while improving their technical skills in modern dance and ballet.

Basic Instructional Materials
Each site selects its own resources from available instructional media.

Dance/Fine Arts 1,2 (P) • 1481, 1482
Grade level: 9-12
Prerequisites: None
Course duration: Two semesters
Graduation credit: Visual and Performing Arts
UC subject area satisfied: f (visual and performing arts)
COURSE DESCRIPTION

Students who take Dance/Fine Arts 1,2 will develop technical strength through the basic skills of ballet, jazz, tap, folk-ethnic and creative movement, while also learning elements of dance history, terminology, critical analysis, and performance.

Note: The state-mandated Fitnessgram test may not be administered as part of this course.

BASIC INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS

Dance 1,2 Instructional Guide and Key Assignments. SDUSD VAPA Core Learnings, 2005, available on-line at: www.sandi.net/staff/visual-and-performing-arts-vapa/dance

DANCE/FINE ARTS 3,4 (P) • 1483, 1484

Grade level: 9–12
Prerequisites: Dance/F.A. 1,2 with a grade of C or better, or teacher recommendation
Course duration: Two semesters
Graduation credit: Visual and Performing Arts
UC subject area satisfied: f (visual and performing arts)

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Site-adopted Course. Approved for Crawford, Scripps Ranch, San Diego School of Creative and Performing Arts (SCPA), and all schools in the Kearny and San Diego High Educational Complexes. Other schools may not offer this course without prior approval from the Interdivisional Curriculum Committee.

Dance/Fine Arts 3,4 course continues instruction begun in Dance/F.A. 1,2. Students work on refining the skills and dance techniques they learned in the introductory course, and expand their knowledge of performance, abstract dance forms, staging, and rhythm. Students also are introduced to the basic principles and techniques of choreographic design and begin work on an original choreography for performance.

Note: The state-mandated Fitnessgram test may not be administered as part of this course.

BASIC INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS

Dance 3,4 Instructional Guide and Key Assignments. SDUSD VAPA Core Learnings, 2005, available on-line at: www.sandi.net/staff/visual-and-performing-arts-vapa/dance

DANCE/FINE ARTS 5,6 (P) • 4785, 4786

Grade level: 10–12
Prerequisites: Dance/F.A. 3,4 with a grade of B or better, or teacher recommendation
Course duration: Two semesters
Graduation credit: Visual and Performing Arts
UC subject area satisfied: f (visual and performing arts)

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Pilot Course. Approved for Lincoln and Scripps Ranch High Schools. Other schools may not offer this course without prior approval from the Interdivisional Curriculum Committee.

Dance/Fine Arts 5,6 provides practical experience focusing on the choreographer’s creative process in solo, small-, and large-ensemble dances. Emphasis is placed on identifying, selecting, and utilizing a variety of source materials for dance making, including the use of choreographic devices, improvisation for generating movement, and the elements of dance, in order to create meaning and develop personal style. The course is designed for students who have a solid background in dance and are interested in preparing for advanced-level work as artists or choreographers. On completing the course, students will be prepared for college-level work in choreographic design as well as for a career in dance.

BASIC INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS

Dance 5,6 Instructional Guide and Key Assignments. SDUSD VAPA Core Learnings, 2005, available on-line at: www.sandi.net/staff/visual-and-performing-arts-vapa/dance

SUPPLEMENTARY RESOURCES


**DANCE FORMS 6TH–8TH • 5920**

*Grade level: 6–8*

*Prerequisites: None*

*Course duration: Two semesters*

**Course Description**

*Site-adopted Course. Approved for the San Diego School of Creative and Performing Arts (SCPA). Other schools may not offer this course without prior approval from the Interdivisional Curriculum Committee.*

This course introduces middle-school students to ballet, jazz, modern, and multicultural dance forms from Africa, Latin America, and the Caribbean. The course is designed to raise academic achievement by increasing students’ self-esteem through school performance opportunities, and to promote intercultural communication among an ethnically diverse student body.

**Basic Instructional Materials**

Each site selects its own resources from available instructional media.

**MODERN DANCE 5,6 • 5968, 5969**

*Grade level: 9–12*

*Prerequisites: PE Modern 3,4 and audition or teacher recommendation*

*Course duration: Two semesters*

*Graduation credit: Visual and Performing Arts*

*UC subject area satisfied: f (visual and performing arts)*

**Course Description**

This course introduces middle-school students to ballet, jazz, modern, and multicultural dance forms from Africa, Latin America, and the Caribbean. The course is designed to raise academic achievement by increasing students’ self-esteem through school performance opportunities, and to promote intercultural communication among an ethnically diverse student body.

**Basic Instructional Materials**

Each site selects its own resources from available instructional media.

**MODERN DANCE 7,8 • 5890, 5891**

*Grade level: 11–12*

*Prerequisites: Modern 5,6 and audition or teacher recommendation*

*Course duration: Two semesters*

*Graduation credit: Visual and Performing Arts*

*UC subject area satisfied: f (visual and performing arts)*

**Course Description**

*Pilot Course. Approved for the San Diego School of Creative and Performing Arts (SCPA). Other schools may not offer this course without prior approval from the Interdivisional Curriculum Committee.*

Modern Dance 7,8 is the culminating course in a four-year sequence of modern dance courses at the high school level. It connects the performance skills of advanced-level modern dance students with their ability to investigate and solve dance challenges in a sophisticated manner. Students develop an expanded knowledge of Limon technique and vocabulary. Students conduct research and analyze modern dance repertoire. Students perform dance phrases integrating a professional level of rehearsal etiquette/protocols, technical skill and intent. Students create intricate modern
combinations/compositions using dance structures, musical forms, and technology with artistry. Students notate these dance combinations/compositions using established forms or their own personal system. Students evaluate intellectually challenging live and/or recorded performances using sophisticated analysis. Students participate in final performance jury and are evaluated at the end of each semester. Assessment is live and evaluated by the teacher of record with a performance rubric.

**BASIC INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS**
Each site selects its own resources from available instructional media.

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**MODERN DANCE 7,8 HONORS • 5875, 5876**

*Grade level:* 11–12  
*Prerequisites:* Modern 5,6 and audition or teacher recommendation  
*Course duration:* Two semesters  
*Graduation credit:* Visual and Performing Arts; weighted  
*UC subject area satisfied:* f (visual and performing arts)

**COURSE DESCRIPTION**

Pilot Course. Approved for the San Diego School of Creative and Performing Arts (SCPA). Other schools may not offer this course without prior approval from the Interdivisional Curriculum Committee.

Modern Dance 7,8 Honors is the culmination of the dance education of the advanced modern student, as it not only connects their performance skills with their ability to investigate and solve dance challenges in a sophisticated manner, but also requires deeper subject research, more analytical thinking, and new complex interactions with modern dance. Students demonstrate leadership by performing alone and in small groups, making appropriate personal choices of interpretation, artistry, and musicality/phrasing at a superior level of technique. Students perform repertoire integrating a professional level of rehearsal etiquette/protocols, technical skill and intent. Students conduct in depth research and analyze Jose Limón repertoire and his legacy. Students create intricate modern dance combinations/compositions using dance structures, musical forms, and technology with artistry. Students notate these dance combinations/compositions using established forms or their own personal system. Students evaluate intellectually challenging live and/or recorded performances using sophisticated analysis. Final written and performance projects in both semesters cover in depth research, challenging repertoire selection, critical analysis of dance challenges, and an individual capstone performance.

**BASIC INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS**
Each site selects its own resources from available instructional media.

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**THEATRE DANCE 1,2 • 5960, 5961**

*Grade level:* 9–12  
*Prerequisites:* Audition or teacher permission  
*Course duration:* Two semesters  
*Graduation credit:* Elective

**COURSE DESCRIPTION**

This course builds upon skills learned in previous dance classes. Combinations with progressively more difficult movement patterns will be presented.

Performance preparation with self-discipline, focus, and group sensitivity will be taught. Academic areas will be drawn from innovators of the dance world, the elements of movement, dance terminology, and the health/safety aspects of dance.

**BASIC INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS**
Theatre Dance 1,2 Instructional Guide.  
SDUSD VAPA Core Learnings, 2005, available on-line at: [www.sandi.net/staff/visual-and-performing-arts-vapa/dance](http://www.sandi.net/staff/visual-and-performing-arts-vapa/dance)

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**THEATRE DANCE 3,4 • 5962, 5963**

*Grade level:* 9–12  
*Prerequisites:* Audition or teacher recommendation  
*Course duration:* Two semesters  
*Graduation credit:* Elective

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

**Site-adopted Course.** Approved for the San Diego School of Creative and Performing Arts (SCPA). Other schools may not offer this course without prior approval from the Interdivisional Curriculum Committee.

This is an intermediate dance course for students who have demonstrated technical proficiency beyond the advanced-beginner level. Areas of study include dances of the world, compositional aspects of form and content, dance terminology, and the musculoskeletal system. Projection and performance execution are emphasized, and jazz and tap choreography are studied and presented for performance.

**BASIC INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS**
Each site selects its own resources from available instructional media.

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**THEATRE DANCE 5,6 • 5964, 5965**

**Grade level:** 9–12  
**Prerequisites:** Theatre Dance 3,4 and audition or teacher recommendation  
**Course duration:** Two semesters  
**Graduation credit:** Elective

**COURSE DESCRIPTION**

This course builds on skills developed in Theatre Dance 3,4 and provides advanced dance students with additional performance experience through participation in solos, duets, trios, and ensemble work. Instruction includes the history of dance from ballet to 20th-century dance forms, survey of notations systems, rhythmic analysis and student choreography of short compositional works.

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**THEATRE DANCE 7,8 • 5966, 5967**

**Grade level:** 9–12  
**Prerequisites:** Theatre Dance 5,6 and audition or teacher recommendation  
**Course duration:** Two semesters  
**Graduation credit:** Elective

**COURSE DESCRIPTION**

This course is for dance students who have a high degree of technical proficiency and have conquered the advanced curriculum of Theatre Dance 5,6. The course offers these students opportunities to perform new and repertory pieces at a more refined technical level. Students also have responsibility for developing curriculum and choreography for all dance levels.

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**BASIC INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS**
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† For students in grade 5 at schools that use a secondary-type schedule.
## Music Courses (Grades 9–12)

### Sequence of Districtwide Courses*

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† This course is currently accepted by the University of California as meeting its f (visual and performing arts) entrance requirement. However, each district high school seeking recognition by the university of this course for its students must include the course on its individual UC-approved list.
The following course descriptions are arranged alphabetically. Refer to the charts on pages VAPA-14 and VAPA-15 for guidance.

BAND 5TH–8TH BEGINNING • 5003
Grade level: 5–8
Prerequisites: Ability to play, or interest in learning to play, a wind or percussion instrument; selection by teacher and counselor
Course duration: One semester; may be repeated for credit

COURSE DESCRIPTION
This course provides instruction in the basic principles of musicianship and familiarity with standard band literature. Students will learn to play a standard band instrument in an ensemble setting. The focus will be to learn to read and understand the language of music.

BASIC INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS
Site-selected music.
SDUSD VAPA Core Learnings, 2005, available on-line at: www.sandi.net/staff/visual-and-performing-arts-vapa/music

BAND 5TH–8TH INTERMEDIATE • 5004
Grade level: 5–8
Prerequisites: Ability to play a wind or percussion instrument; selection by teacher and counselor
Course duration: One semester; may be repeated for credit

COURSE DESCRIPTION
Band 5th–8th Intermediate is offered to students who have completed Band 5th–8th Beginning or who have had equivalent study and experience. Students will further their expertise on their chosen band instrument in an ensemble setting, learning more complex musical notation, rhythms, and terminology.

BASIC INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS
Site-selected music.
SDUSD VAPA Core Learnings, 2005, available on-line at: www.sandi.net/staff/visual-and-performing-arts-vapa/music

BAND 6TH–8TH ADVANCED • 5005
Grade level: 6–8
Prerequisites: Ability to play a wind or percussion instrument; selection by teacher and counselor
Course duration: One semester; may be repeated for credit

COURSE DESCRIPTION
Band 6th–8th Advanced is offered to students who have completed Band 6th–8th Intermediate or who have had equivalent study and experience. Students will learn and play advanced band literature in an ensemble setting with technical skill and musical knowledge and sensitivity. Students in this course will present more frequent public performances.

BASIC INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS
Site-selected music.
SDUSD VAPA Core Learnings, 2005, available on-line at: www.sandi.net/staff/visual-and-performing-arts-vapa/music

BAND 1,2 (P) • 5020, 5021
Grade level: 9–12
Prerequisites: Ability to play, or interest in learning to play, a wind or percussion instrument; students may be auditioned and grouped together into ensembles on the basis of tone quality, instrumentation, or skill
Course duration: Two semesters
Graduation credit: Visual and Performing Arts
UC subject area satisfied: f (visual and performing arts)

COURSE DESCRIPTION
Band 1,2 teaches the musical concepts and technique of performing at a beginning level. In this course, students will learn how to produce controlled and accurate pitch and create a mature wind/percussion
tone, as well as learn the basics of music notation and musical vocabulary. Students will be exposed to the major scale and diverse repertoire and will be asked to think deeply about the discipline of music from a number of perspectives, including style, genre, mood, and historical and cultural context. Additional topics of study include demonstrating appropriate performance etiquette, identifying musical contrasts, evaluating performances, and creating new music through compositions and improvisations.

**Basic Instructional Materials**

Site-selected sheet music.

*SDUSD VAPA Core Learnings*, 2005, available on-line at: [www.sandi.net/staff/visual-and-performing-arts-vapa/music](http://www.sandi.net/staff/visual-and-performing-arts-vapa/music)

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**Band 3,4 (P) • 5320, 5321**

**Grade level:** 10–12

**Prerequisites:** Band 1,2; ability to play a wind or percussion instrument; students may be auditioned and grouped together into ensembles on the basis of tone quality, instrumentation, or skill

**Course duration:** Two semesters

**Graduation credit:** Visual and Performing Arts

**UC subject area satisfied:** f (visual and performing arts)

**Course Description**

Band 3,4 teaches the musical concepts and instrumental technique of performing at an early intermediate level. In this course, students will increase their knowledge of music notation and musical vocabulary, and will continue to refine their pitch accuracy, instrumental tone, and performance skills. Students will interact with music through composing, improvising, transcribing, performing, and evaluating performances. They will be exposed to the harmonic minor scale, musical careers in media, and additional diverse repertoire, and will be asked to think deeply about the history of American music and the cultural functions of music.

**Basic Instructional Materials**

Site-selected music.

*SDUSD VAPA Core Learnings*, 2005, available on-line at: [www.sandi.net/staff/visual-and-performing-arts-vapa/music](http://www.sandi.net/staff/visual-and-performing-arts-vapa/music)

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**Band 5,6 (P) • 5325, 5326**

**Grade level:** 11–12

**Prerequisites:** Band 3,4; ability to play a wind or percussion instrument; students may be auditioned and grouped together into ensembles on the basis of tone quality, instrumentation, or skill

**Course duration:** Two semesters

**Graduation credit:** Visual and Performing Arts

**UC subject area satisfied:** f (visual and performing arts)

**Course Description**

Band 5,6 allows intermediate musicians to further develop their wind/percussion technique and tonal control. They will begin to monitor and modify their own pitch and interpretation independently and evaluate performances using more sophisticated analysis. More complex musical concepts, notation, and vocabulary will be studied, including modulations, cadences, and multiple types of scales. Students will perform diverse repertoire in a variety of performance settings and venues. They will create longer and more intricate compositions, improvisations, and arrangements of music, and improve their aural skills through transcription. The students will complete a musical career research project and draw conclusions about the context of a piece based on its stylistic features.

**Basic Instructional Materials**

Site-selected music.

*SDUSD VAPA Core Learnings*, 2005, available on-line at: [www.sandi.net/staff/visual-and-performing-arts-vapa/music](http://www.sandi.net/staff/visual-and-performing-arts-vapa/music)

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**Band 7,8 (P) • 5322, 5323**

**Grade level:** 12

**Prerequisites:** Band 5,6; ability to play a wind or percussion instrument; students may be auditioned and grouped together into ensembles on the basis of tone quality, instrumentation, or skill

**Course duration:** Two semesters

**Graduation credit:** Visual and Performing Arts

**UC subject area satisfied:** f (visual and performing arts)
COURSE DESCRIPTION
Band 7,8 completes the musical education of advanced students by connecting their performance skills with their ability to investigate and solve musical challenges, using research where necessary. Students will demonstrate independent performance alone and in small groups, making appropriate personal choices of tone, interpretation, and musicality. They will study diverse repertoire, with foci on multi-movement works, 20th-century notation, and the music of the Americas. They will develop an expanded knowledge of scales and cadences, create multipart compositions, and evaluate musical performances at an advanced level. They will study instrument development, analyze the role of form in works from different backgrounds, and identify the process of composing for film.

BASIC INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS
Site-selected sheet music.
SDUSD VAPA Core Learnings, 2005, available on-line at: www.sandi.net/staff/visual-and-performing-arts-vapa/music

BAND 7,8 HONORS (HP) • 5327, 5328
Grade level: 12
Prerequisites: Band 5,6; ability to play a wind or percussion instrument; students may be auditioned and grouped together into ensembles on the basis of tone quality, instrumentation, or skill
Course duration: Two semesters
Graduation credit: Visual and Performing Arts; weighted
UC subject area satisfied: f (visual and performing arts)

COURSE DESCRIPTION
Pilot Course. Approved for La Jolla High School, Mission Bay High School, Mira Mesa High School, and Serra High School. Other schools may not offer this course without prior approval from the Interdivisional Curriculum Committee.

Band 7,8 Honors is the culmination of the musical education of the advanced band student, as it not only connects their performance skills with their ability to investigate and solve musical challenges, but additionally requires deeper subject research, more analytical thinking, and new complex interactions with music. Students will demonstrate independent performing alone and in small groups, making appropriate personal choices of tone, interpretation, and musicality. They will study diverse repertoire with foci on multi-movement works, 20th century notation, and the music of the Americas. They will develop an expanded knowledge of advanced techniques and vocabulary, including enharmonics, scales, and cadences. Students will create multi-part compositions, and evaluate musical performances at an advanced level. They will study instrument development, analyze the role of form in works from different backgrounds, and identify the process of composing for film. Final written and performance projects in both semesters cover research, music selection, analysis of musical challenges, and an individual recital capstone.

BASIC INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS
Site-selected sheet music.
SDUSD VAPA Core Learnings, 2005, available on-line at: www.sandi.net/staff/visual-and-performing-arts-vapa/music

BAND/BRASS BEGINNING • 5125
Grade level: 9-12
Prerequisites: Ability to or interest in learning to play a brass instrument and teacher selection
Course duration: One semester
Graduation credit: Elective

COURSE DESCRIPTION
Site-adopted Course. Approved for the San Diego School of Creative and Performing Arts (SCPA). Other schools may not offer this course without prior approval from the Interdivisional Curriculum Committee.

This one-semester course provides instruction in the basic principles of musicianship, basic notation, music terminology, ensemble playing and standard band literature. Expertise and appreciation is gained through performance of a wide variety of musical literature. Instruction in music theory is introduced and reinforced.
BAND/WOODWINDS BEGINNING • 5127
Grade level: 9–12
Prerequisites: Ability to or interest in learning to play a woodwind instrument and teacher selection
Course duration: One semester
Graduation credit: Elective

COURSE DESCRIPTION
Site-adopted Course. Approved for the San Diego School of Creative and Performing Arts (SCPA). Other schools may not offer this course without prior approval from the Interdivisional Curriculum Committee.

This one-semestre course provides instruction in the basic principles of musicianship, basic notation, music terminology, ensemble playing and standard band literature. Expertise and appreciation is gained through performance of a wide variety of musical literature. Instruction in music theory is introduced and reinforced.

BASIC INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS
Each site selects its own resources from available instructional media.

CHAMBER STRINGS INTERMEDIATE • 5137
Grade level: 9–12
Prerequisites: Chamber Strings Beginning (5135) and/or audition and selection by teacher
Course duration: One semester
Graduation credit: Elective

COURSE DESCRIPTION
Site-adopted Course. Approved for the San Diego School of Creative and Performing Arts (SCPA). Other schools may not offer this course without prior approval from the Interdivisional Curriculum Committee.

This one-semester course provides instruction in the basic principles of musicianship, notation, music terminology, ensemble playing and standard string literature. Expertise and appreciation is gained through performance of a wide variety of musical literature. Instruction in music theory is introduced and reinforced.

BASIC INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS
Each site selects its own resources from available instructional media.
This one-semester course is available to students who have exhibited, through performance or audition, intermediate-level competency in string instrument playing. The course offers students the opportunity to participate in musical experiences that develop more advanced skills in ensemble playing.

**BASIC INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS**
Each site selects its own resources from available instructional media.

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**CHOIR 1,2 (P) • 5050, 5051**
Grade level: 9–12
**Prerequisites:** Ability to sing or interest in learning how to sing; students may be auditioned and grouped together into ensembles on the basis of voice quality, range, or skill
**Course duration:** Two semesters
**Graduation credit:** Visual and Performing Arts
**UC subject area satisfied:** f (visual and performing arts)

**COURSE DESCRIPTION**
Choir 1,2 teaches the musical concepts and technique of singing at a beginning level. In this course, students will learn how to produce accurate pitch and create a mature vocal tone, as well as learn the basics of music notation and musical vocabulary. Students will be exposed to the major scale and diverse repertoire (including text in foreign languages) and will be asked to think deeply about the discipline of music from a number of perspectives, including style, genre, mood, and historical and cultural context. Additional topics of study include demonstrating appropriate performance etiquette, identifying musical contrasts, evaluating performances, and creating new music through compositions and improvisations.

**BASIC INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS**
Site-selected music and music materials.
SDUSD VAPA Core Learnings, 2005, available on-line at: www.sandi.net/staff/visual-and-performing-arts-vapa/music
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**Prerequisites:** Choir 3,4; ability to sing on pitch with a voice quality that blends with the choir; students may be auditioned and grouped together into ensembles on the basis of voice quality, range, or skill.  
**Course duration:** Two semesters  
**Graduation credit:** Visual and Performing Arts.  
**UC subject area satisfied:** f (visual and performing arts)

**COURSE DESCRIPTION**

Choir 5,6 allows intermediate musicians to further develop their singing technique and tone. They will begin to monitor and modify their own pitch, diction, and interpretation independently, and evaluate performances using more sophisticated analysis. More complex musical concepts, notation, and vocabulary will be studied, including modulations, cadences, and multiple types of scales. Students will perform diverse repertoire in at least two languages other than English in a variety of performance settings and venues. They will create longer and more intricate compositions, improvisations, and arrangements of music, and improve their aural skills through transcription. The students will complete a musical career research project and draw conclusions about the context of a piece based on its stylistic features.

**BASIC INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS**

SDUSD VAPA Core Learnings, 2005, available on-line at: www.sandi.net/staff/visual-and-performing-arts-vapa/music

**CHOIR 7,8 (P) • 5360, 5361**

**Grade level:** 12  
**Prerequisites:** Choir 5,6; ability to sing on pitch with a voice quality that blends with the choir; students may be auditioned and grouped together into ensembles on the basis of voice quality, range, or skill.  
**Course duration:** Two semesters  
**Graduation credit:** Visual and Performing Arts.  
**UC subject area satisfied:** f (visual and performing arts)

**COURSE DESCRIPTION**

Choir 7,8 completes the musical education of the advanced student by connecting their performance skills with their ability to investigate and solve musical challenges, using research where necessary. Students will demonstrate independent singing alone and in small groups, making appropriate personal choices of tone, interpretation, and musicality. They will study diverse repertoire, with foci on Latin diction, multi-movement works, 20th-century notation, and the music of the Americas. They will develop an expanded knowledge of scales and cadences, create multi-part compositions, and evaluate musical performances at an advanced level. They will study instrument development, analyze the role of form in works from different backgrounds, and identify the process of composing for film.

**BASIC INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS**

SDUSD VAPA Core Learnings, 2005, available on-line at: www.sandi.net/staff/visual-and-performing-arts-vapa/music

**CHOIR 7,8 HONORS (HP) • 5057, 5058**

**Grade level:** 12  
**Prerequisites:** Choir 5,6; ability to sing on pitch with a voice that blends with the choir; students may be auditioned and grouped together into ensembles on the basis of voice quality, range, or skill.  
**Course duration:** Two semesters  
**Graduation credit:** Visual and Performing Arts; weighted  
**UC subject area satisfied:** f (visual and performing arts)

**COURSE DESCRIPTION**

Pilot Course. Approved for Mission Bay High School, Mira Mesa High School, and Serra High School. Other schools may not offer this course without prior approval from the Interdivisional Curriculum Committee.
Choir 7,8 Honors is the culmination of the musical education of the advanced choral student, as it not only connects their performance skills with their ability to investigate and solve musical challenges, but additionally requires deeper subject research, more analytical thinking, and new complex interactions with music. Students will demonstrate independent performing alone and in small groups, making appropriate personal choices of tone, interpretation, and musicality. They will study diverse repertoire with foci on multi-movement works, 20th century notation, and the music of the Americas. They will develop an expanded knowledge of advanced techniques and vocabulary, including enharmonics, scales, and cadences. Students will create multi-part compositions, and evaluate musical performances at an advanced level. They will study instrument development, analyze the role of form in works from different backgrounds, and identify the process of composing for film. Final written and performance projects in both semesters cover research, music selection, analysis of musical challenges, and an individual recital capstone.

**BASIC INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS**

Site-selected sheet music.

SDUSD VAPA Core Learnings, 2005, available on-line at: [www.sandi.net/staff/visual-and-performing-arts-vapa/music](http://www.sandi.net/staff/visual-and-performing-arts-vapa/music)

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**CHORUS 5TH–8TH BEGINNING • 5011**

**Grade level:** 5–8

**Prerequisites:** Ability to sing or interest in learning how to sing; selection by teacher and counselor

**Course duration:** One semester; may be repeated for credit

**COURSE DESCRIPTION**

This standards-based course provides instruction in the basic principles of musicianship and promotes familiarity with standard vocal literature. Students will learn musical notation and terminology and develop proper singing tone and vocal technique in an ensemble setting while performing a variety of choral repertoire.

**BASIC INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS**

Site-selected music, choral texts, and other musical materials.

SDUSD VAPA Core Learnings, 2005, available on-line at: [www.sandi.net/staff/visual-and-performing-arts-vapa/music](http://www.sandi.net/staff/visual-and-performing-arts-vapa/music)

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**CHORUS 6TH–8TH ADVANCED • 5013**

**Grade level:** 6–8

**Prerequisites:** Ability to sing on pitch; selection by teacher and counselor

**Course duration:** One-semester course; may be repeated for credit

**COURSE DESCRIPTION**

This standards-based course is offered to students who have completed Chorus 5th–8th Intermediate or who have equivalent study and experience. It explores more deeply the areas of learning described

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**CHORUS 5TH–8TH INTERMEDIATE • 5012**

**Grade level:** 5–8

**Prerequisites:** Ability to sing on pitch; selection by teacher and counselor

**Course duration:** One semester; may be repeated for credit

**COURSE DESCRIPTION**

This standards-based course is offered to students who have completed Chorus 5th–8th Beginning or who have equivalent study and experience. Students will learn more complex musical notation and terminology and develop increased expertise in proper singing tone and vocal technique in an ensemble setting while performing a variety of choral repertoire.

**BASIC INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS**

Site-selected music, choral texts, and other musical materials.

SDUSD VAPA Core Learnings, 2005, available on-line at: [www.sandi.net/staff/visual-and-performing-arts-vapa/music](http://www.sandi.net/staff/visual-and-performing-arts-vapa/music)
in Chorus 5th–8th Intermediate and provides the opportunity to participate in musical experiences that develop advanced skills in choral singing. Students in this course will present more frequent public performances.

**BASIC INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS**

Site-selected music, choral texts, and other music materials.

*SDUSD VAPA Core Learnings, 2005, available on-line at: [www.sandi.net/staff/visual-and-performing-arts-vapa/music](http://www.sandi.net/staff/visual-and-performing-arts-vapa/music)*

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**GUITAR 1,2 (P) • 5391, 5392**

**Grade levels:** 9–12  
**Prerequisites:** Ability to play, or interest in learning to play, the guitar; students may be auditioned and grouped together on the basis of tone quality, musicianship, or skill  
**Course duration:** Two semesters  
**Graduation credit:** Visual and Performing Arts  
**UC subject area satisfied:** f (visual and performing arts)

**COURSE DESCRIPTION**

Guitar 1,2 teaches the musical concepts and technique of performing at a beginning level. In this course, students will learn how to produce controlled and accurate pitch through melodies, strummed chords, and finger-picking, as well as learn the basics of music notation and musical vocabulary. Students will be exposed to the major scale and diverse repertoire and will be asked to think deeply about the discipline of music from a number of perspectives, including style, genre, mood, and historical and cultural context. Additional topics of study include demonstrating appropriate performance etiquette, identifying musical contrasts, evaluating performances, and creating new music through compositions and improvisations.

**BASIC INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS**

Site-selected music.  
*SDUSD VAPA Core Learnings, 2005, available on-line at: [www.sandi.net/staff/visual-and-performing-arts-vapa/music](http://www.sandi.net/staff/visual-and-performing-arts-vapa/music)*

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**GUITAR 3,4 (P) • 5393, 5394**

**Grade level:** 10–12  
**Prerequisites:** Guitar 1,2; ability to play the guitar; students may be auditioned and grouped together on the basis of tone quality, musicianship, or skill  
**Course duration:** Two semesters  
**Graduation credit:** Visual and Performing Arts  
**UC subject area satisfied:** f (visual and performing arts)

**COURSE DESCRIPTION**

Guitar 3,4 teaches the musical concepts and instrumental technique of performing at an early intermediate level. In this course, students will increase their knowledge of music notation and musical vocabulary, and will continue to refine their pitch accuracy, instrumental tone, and performance skills. Students will interact with music through composing, improvising, transcribing, performing, and evaluating performances. They will be exposed to the harmonic minor scale, common chord progressions, musical careers in media, and additional diverse repertoire, and will be asked to think deeply about the history of American music and the cultural functions of music.

**BASIC INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS**

Site-selected music.  
*SDUSD VAPA Core Learnings, 2005, available on-line at: [www.sandi.net/staff/visual-and-performing-arts-vapa/music](http://www.sandi.net/staff/visual-and-performing-arts-vapa/music)*

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**GUITAR 5,6 (P) • 5395, 5396**

**Grade level:** 11–12  
**Prerequisites:** Guitar 3,4; ability to play the guitar; students may be auditioned and grouped together on the basis of tone quality, musicianship, or skill  
**Course duration:** Two semesters  
**Graduation credit:** Visual and Performing Arts  
**UC subject area satisfied:** f (visual and performing arts)

**COURSE DESCRIPTION**

Guitar 5,6 takes the musical concepts and technique of performing at a beginning level. In this course, students will use their knowledge of music notation and musical vocabulary, and will continue to refine their pitch accuracy, instrumental tone, and performance skills. Students will interact with music through composing, improvising, transcribing, performing, and evaluating performances. They will be exposed to the harmonic minor scale, common chord progressions, musical careers in media, and additional diverse repertoire, and will be asked to think deeply about the history of American music and the cultural functions of music.

**BASIC INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS**

Site-selected music.  
*SDUSD VAPA Core Learnings, 2005, available on-line at: [www.sandi.net/staff/visual-and-performing-arts-vapa/music](http://www.sandi.net/staff/visual-and-performing-arts-vapa/music)*
Guitar 5,6 allows intermediate musicians to further develop their technique and tone. They will begin to monitor and modify their own pitch and interpretation independently, and evaluate performances using more sophisticated analysis. More complex musical concepts, notation, and vocabulary will be studied, including modulations, cadences, and multiple types of scales. Students will perform diverse repertoire in a variety of performance settings and venues. They will create longer and more intricate compositions, improvisations, and arrangements of music, and improve their aural skills through transcription. The students will complete a musical career research project and draw conclusions about the context of a piece based on its stylistic features.

**Basic Instructional Materials**

Site-selected music.

SDUSD VAPA Core Learnings, 2005, available on-line at: [www.sandi.net/staff/visual-and-performing-arts-vapa/music](http://www.sandi.net/staff/visual-and-performing-arts-vapa/music)

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**Guitar 6th–8th Beginning • 5091**

**Guitar 6th–8th Intermediate • 5092**

**Grade levels:** 6–8

**Prerequisites:** Interest in learning to play the guitar.

**Course duration:** One semester each; course 5091 may be taught as a 12-week portion of an 18-week (one-semester) wheel course

**Course Description**

These courses are designed to provide opportunities for students to learn the basics of guitar playing. Students will learn fundamentals of music reading and notation and perform guitar music in several styles and from a variety of historical periods and cultures. No previous guitar experience is required.

**Basic Instructional Materials**


Site-selected music.

SDUSD VAPA Core Learnings, 2005, available on-line at: [www.sandi.net/staff/visual-and-performing-arts-vapa/music](http://www.sandi.net/staff/visual-and-performing-arts-vapa/music)

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**Intrumental Ensemble 1,2 • 5101, 5102**

**Grade level:** 9–12

**Prerequisites:** Ability to play an instrument; audition and selection by teacher

**Course duration:** Two semesters

**Graduation credit:** Elective

**Course Description**

This course is for students with musical experience. It will normally consist of one or two balanced ensembles. String, woodwind, brass, or percussion ensembles would be appropriate for this class. Students will learn and play a variety of challenging instrumental ensemble literature, focus on core VAPA music standards, and learn advanced techniques and skills on individual instruments. Students in an instrumental ensemble will participate in frequent performances.

**Basic Instructional Materials**

Site-selected music.

SDUSD VAPA Core Learnings, 2005, available on-line at: [www.sandi.net/staff/visual-and-performing-arts-vapa/music](http://www.sandi.net/staff/visual-and-performing-arts-vapa/music)

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**Intrumental Ensemble 6th–8th • 5048**

**Grade level:** 6–8

**Prerequisites:** Ability to play an instrument; audition and selection by teacher

**Course duration:** One semester; may be repeated for credit

**Course Description**

This course is for students with musical experience. It will normally consist of one or two balanced ensembles in which students learn a variety of musical literature. String, woodwind, or brass ensemble would be appropriate for this class. Students in an instrumental ensemble will participate in frequent public performances.

**Basic Instructional Materials**

Site-selected music and materials.
JAZZ ENSEMBLE 6TH–8TH • 5329

Grade level: 6–8
Prerequisites: Ability or interest in learning to play an instrument in the jazz style; audition and selection by teacher
Course duration: One semester; may be repeated for credit

COURSE DESCRIPTION
This course is designed for instrumentation and/or voices of musically developing students. It consists of an ensemble appropriate for performing a variety of jazz literature. The course builds on fundamental instrumental techniques, ensemble performance, and introduces the jazz idiom to middle-school students.

BASIC INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS
Site-selected music and materials.
SDUSD VAPA Core Learnings, 2005, available on-line at: www.sandi.net/staff/visual-and-performing-arts-vapa/music

JAZZ ENSEMBLE 1,2 (P) • 5330, 5331

Grade level: 9–12
Prerequisites: Ability to play an instrument in the jazz style; students may be auditioned and grouped together into ensembles on the basis of tone quality, instrumentation, or skill
Course duration: Two semesters
Graduation credit: Visual and Performing Arts
UC subject area satisfied: f (visual and performing arts)

COURSE DESCRIPTION
Jazz Ensemble 1,2 teaches the musical concepts and instrumental technique of performing jazz at a beginning level. In this course, students will increase their knowledge of music notation and musical vocabulary, and will continue to refine their pitch accuracy, instrumental tone, and performance skills. Students will interact with music through composing, improvising, transcribing, performing, and evaluating performances. They will be exposed to the harmonic minor scale, musical careers in media, and additional diverse repertoire, and will be asked to think deeply about the history of American music and the cultural functions of music.

BASIC INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS
Site-selected music.
SDUSD VAPA Core Learnings, 2005, available on-line at: www.sandi.net/staff/visual-and-performing-arts-vapa/music

JAZZ ENSEMBLE 3,4 (P) • 5332, 5333

Grade level: 10–12
Prerequisites: Jazz Ensemble 1,2; ability to play an instrument in the jazz style; students may be auditioned and grouped together into ensembles on the basis of tone quality, instrumentation, or skill
Course duration: Two semesters
Graduation credit: Visual and Performing Arts
UC subject area satisfied: f (visual and performing arts)

COURSE DESCRIPTION
Jazz Ensemble 3,4 teaches the musical concepts and instrumental technique of performing jazz at an early intermediate level. In this course, students will increase their knowledge of music notation and musical vocabulary, and will continue to refine their pitch accuracy, instrumental tone, and performance skills. Students will interact with music through composing, improvising, transcribing, performing, and evaluating performances. They will be exposed to the harmonic minor scale, musical careers in media, and additional diverse repertoire, and will be asked to think deeply about the history of American music and the cultural functions of music.

BASIC INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS
Site-selected music.
SDUSD VAPA Core Learnings, 2005, available on-line at: www.sandi.net/staff/visual-and-performing-arts-vapa/music

JAZZ ENSEMBLE 5,6 (P) • 5343, 5344
Grade level: 11–12
Prerequisites: Jazz Ensemble 3,4; ability to play an instrument in the jazz style; students may be auditioned and grouped together into ensembles on the basis of tone quality, instrumentation, or skill
Course duration: Two semesters
Graduation credit: Visual and Performing Arts
UC subject area satisfied: f (visual and performing arts)

COURSE DESCRIPTION
Jazz Ensemble 5,6 teaches the musical concepts and instrumental technique of performing jazz at an early intermediate level. In this course, students will increase their knowledge of music notation and musical vocabulary, and will continue to refine their pitch accuracy, instrumental tone, and performance skills. Students will interact with music through composing, improvising, transcribing, performing, and evaluating performances. They will be exposed to the harmonic minor scale, musical careers in media, and additional diverse repertoire, and will be asked to think deeply about the history of American music and the cultural functions of music.

BASIC INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS
Site-selected music.
SDUSD VAPA Core Learnings, 2005, available on-line at:
www.sandi.net/staff/visual-and-performing-arts-vapa/music

JAZZ ENSEMBLE 7,8 (P) • 5345, 5346
Grade level: 12
Prerequisites: Jazz Ensemble 5,6; ability to play an instrument in the jazz style; students may be auditioned and grouped together into ensembles on the basis of tone quality, instrumentation, or skill.
Course duration: Two semesters
Graduation credit: Visual and Performing Arts
UC subject area satisfied: f (visual and performing arts)

COURSE DESCRIPTION
Pilot Course. Approved for Mission Bay High School. Other schools may not offer this course.

Jazz Ensemble 7,8 completes the musical education of the advanced student by connecting their performance skills with their ability to investigate and solve musical challenges, using research where necessary. Students will demonstrate independent performance alone and in small groups, making appropriate personal choices of tone, interpretation, and musicality. They will study diverse repertoire, with foci on multi-movement works, 20th-century notation, and the music of the Americas. They will develop an expanded knowledge of scales and cadences, create multi-part compositions, and evaluate musical performances at an advanced level. They will study instrument development, analyze the role of form in works from different backgrounds, and identify the process of composing for film.

BASIC INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS
Site-selected music.
SDUSD VAPA Core Learnings, 2005, available on-line at: www.sandi.net/staff/visual-and-performing-arts-vapa/music

MUSIC 5TH–6TH • 5015
Grade level: 5–6
Prerequisites: None
Course duration: One-semester course; may also be taught as a six-, nine-, or 12-week portion of an 18-week wheel course. May be repeated for credit

COURSE DESCRIPTION
This course provides the grade 5 or grade 6 student with a common core of musical knowledge through experience-based music involvement and balanced musical study. The course stresses participation through active listening and hands-on musical activities. A fundamental knowledge of what music is and what makes music is essential in the education of the grade 5 or grade 6 student.

BASIC INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS
Site-selected music, choral texts, and other music materials.
MUSIC 7TH–8TH • 5001
Grade level: 7–8
Prerequisites: None
Course duration: One-semester course; may also be taught as a six-, nine-, or 12-week portion of an 18-week wheel course. May be repeated for credit

COURSE DESCRIPTION
This course provides students with a common core of musical knowledge through experience-based music involvement and balanced music study. The course stresses participation through active listening and through problem solving related to music. A fundamental knowledge of what music is and what makes music is essential in the education of the student.

BASIC INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS
Site-selected choral texts and other music materials.

SDUSD VAPA Core Learnings, 2005, available on-line at: www.sandi.net/staff/visual-and-performing-arts-vapa/music

MUSIC COMPOSITION 6TH–8TH BEGINNING • 5023
Grade level: 6–8
Prerequisites: None
Course duration: One semester; may be repeated for credit

COURSE DESCRIPTION
Site-adopted Course. Approved for Creative, Performing, and Media Arts Middle School (CPMA). Other schools may not offer this course without prior approval from the Interdivisional Curriculum Committee.

This is a single-semester introductory course that teaches students the basic principles of music. Students are introduced to instruments of the orchestra, what they sound like, and how to compose for them. They learn musical notation and how to read notes and rhythms. Using electronic keyboards, computers, and specialized software, students work in a music lab setting where they develop the fundamental skills that will allow them to experiment, to compose, and to listen critically in the electronic music medium.

BASIC INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS
Each site selects its own resources from available instructional media.

MUSIC 1,2 (P) • 5381, 5382
Grade level: 10–12
Prerequisites: None
Course duration: Two semesters
Graduation credit: Visual and Performing Arts
UC subject area satisfied: f (visual and performing arts)

COURSE DESCRIPTION
This course is a comprehensive historical and cultural survey of music from early historical times to the present. The understanding of music will be developed through listening activities, class discussions, performance activities, and reading and writing assignments.

BASIC INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS
This is a two-semester, intermediate-level course that continues instruction begun in Music Composition 6th–8th Beginning. In this course, students further their understanding of the basic principles of music by learning how they apply to music composition. Students are introduced to a variety of musical styles, genres and compositions. They read, notate, listen to, analyze, and describe music using the correct terminology. They compose and arrange music and improvise melodies, variations and accompaniments, using digital/electronic technology. Students also critically assess and derive meaning from different works of music.

**Basic Instructional Materials**
Each site selects its own resources from available instructional media.

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**MUSIC FUNDAMENTALS 1,2 • 5375, 5376**

**Grade level:** 9–12  
**Prerequisites:** None  
**Course duration:** Two semesters  
**Graduation credit:** Elective  
**Note:** This course is not intended to replace or supplement private lessons and may not be repeated unless space permits

**Course Description**

Site-adopted Course. Approved for the School of Creative and Performing Arts (SCPA). Other schools may not offer this course without prior approval from the Interdivisional Curriculum Committee.

This two-semester course is designed for students in grades 9–12 who have very limited or no piano-playing experience. In this course, students are introduced to the basic principles of musicianship, as well as standard piano techniques and literature. Students learn how to play fundamental chords and exercises in most keys, and the proper use of the pedals. They also learn the fundamentals of music reading and notation, and how to describe different musical styles using the standard vocabulary of music. They perform in-class recitals of piano music from a variety of historical periods and cultures.

**Basic Instructional Materials**
Each site selects its own resources from available instructional media.

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**MUSIC HL1 1,2 IB (P) • 5353, 5354**

**Grade level:** 11  
**Prerequisites:** Band or orchestra experience; Music Theory 1,2 AP  
**Course duration:** Two semesters  
**Graduation credit:** Visual and Performing Arts  
**UC subject area satisfied:** f (visual and performing arts)

**Course Description**

Pilot Course. Approved for San Diego International Studies as part of its International Baccalaureate (IB) program. This course is not available to other schools.

This course provides students with a foundation for further study in music at the university level or in music career pathways. It can also provide an enriching and valuable course of study for students who might pursue other careers.

Students in this course will demonstrate:  
- Knowledge, understanding, and perception of music in relation to time, place, and cultures  
- Appropriate musical terminology to describe and reflect their critical understanding of music  
- Comparative analysis of music in relation to time, place, and cultures  
- Creative skills through exploration, control, and development of musical elements  
- Performance skills through solo or group music making  
- Critical thinking skills through reflective thought

**Basic Instructional Materials**
Each site selects its own resources from available instructional media.
MUSIC HL2 1,2 IB (HP) • 5356, 5357
Grade level: 12
Prerequisites: Music HL1 1,2 IB
Course duration: Two semesters
Graduation credit: Visual and Performing Arts; weighted
UC subject area satisfied: f (visual and performing arts)

COURSE DESCRIPTION
Pilot Course. Approved for San Diego International Studies as part of its International Baccalaureate (IB) program. This course is not available to other schools.

This course provides students with a foundation for further study in music at the university level or in music career pathways. It can also provide an enriching and valuable course of study for students who might pursue other careers.

Students in this course will demonstrate:
- Knowledge, understanding, and perception of music in relation to time, place, and cultures
- Appropriate musical terminology to describe and reflect their critical understanding of music
- Comparative analysis of music in relation to time, place, and cultures
- Creative skills through exploration, control, and development of musical elements
- Performance skills through solo or group music making
- Critical thinking skills through reflective thought

BASIC INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS
Each site selects its own resources from available instructional media.

SDUSD VAPA Core Learnings, 2005, available on-line at: www.sandi.net/staff/visual-and-performing-arts-vapa/music

MUSIC THEORY 1,2 AP (HP) • 5373, 5374
Grade level: 10–12
Prerequisites: Ability to read and write musical notation; recommendation by teacher and counselor
Course duration: Two semesters
Graduation credit: Visual and Performing Arts; weighted
UC subject area satisfied: f (visual and performing arts)

COURSE DESCRIPTION
This course is for students who wish to pursue a college-level study of theory. Frequent homework assignments are to be expected. The course helps prepare students for the AP examination. Students will learn to identify and use the standard vocabulary and language of music at an advanced level, particularly rhythm, melodic line, harmonic content, and musical structure.

BASIC INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS

SDUSD VAPA Core Learnings, 2005, available on-line at: www.sandi.net/staff/visual-and-performing-arts-vapa/music

MUSIC THEORY 1,2 (P) • 5371, 5372
Grade level: 9–12
Prerequisites: Marked interest and background in music; selection by teacher and counselor
Course duration: Two semesters

Graduation credit: Visual and Performing Arts
UC subject area satisfied: f (visual and performing arts)

COURSE DESCRIPTION
This course is designed for students who have an interest in advanced music study. Students will learn to identify and use the standard vocabulary and language of music, particularly rhythm, melodic line, harmonic content, and musical structure.

BASIC INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS
Each site selects its own resources from available instructional media.

SDUSD VAPA Core Learnings, 2005, available on-line at: www.sandi.net/staff/visual-and-performing-arts-vapa/music
ORCHESTRA 6TH–8TH ADVANCED • 5009
Grade level: 6–8
Prerequisites: Ability to play a string instrument; selection by teacher and counselor
Course duration: One semester; may be repeated for credit

COURSE DESCRIPTION
This course is offered to students who have completed Orchestra 5th–8th Intermediate or who have equivalent study and experience. Students will learn and play advanced orchestra literature in an ensemble setting with technical skill and musical knowledge and sensitivity. Students in this course will present more frequent public performances.

BASIC INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS
Site-selected music and materials.
SDUSD VAPA Core Learnings, 2005, available on-line at: www.sandi.net/staff/visual-and-performing-arts-vapa/music

ORCHESTRA 5TH–8TH INTERMEDIATE • 5008
Grade level: 5–8
Prerequisites: Ability to play a string instrument; selection by teacher and counselor
Course duration: One semester; may be repeated for credit

COURSE DESCRIPTION
This course is offered to students who have completed Orchestra 5th–8th Beginning or who have equivalent study and experience. Students will further their expertise on their chosen instrument in an ensemble setting, learning more complex musical notation, rhythms, and terminology.

BASIC INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS
Site-selected music and materials.
SDUSD VAPA Core Learnings, 2005, available on-line at: www.sandi.net/staff/visual-and-performing-arts-vapa/music

ORCHESTRA 5TH–8TH BEGINNING • 5007
Grade level: 5–8
Prerequisites: Ability to play, or interest in learning to play, a string instrument; selection by teacher and counselor
Course duration: One semester; may be repeated for credit

COURSE DESCRIPTION
This course provides instruction in the basic principles of musicianship and promotes familiarity with standard orchestral literature. Students will learn to play a standard instrument of the orchestra in an ensemble setting and to read and understand the language of music.

BASIC INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS
Anderson and Frost, All for Strings, KJDS Music, 2012.
Site-selected music and materials.

SDUSD VAPA Core Learnings, 2005, available on-line at: www.sandi.net/staff/visual-and-performing-arts-vapa/music

ORCHESTRA 1,2 (P) • 5335, 5336
Grade level: 9–12
Prerequisites: Ability to play, or interest in learning to play, a string instrument; students may be auditioned and grouped together into ensembles on the basis of tone quality, instrumentation, or skill
Course duration: Two semesters
Graduation credit: Visual and Performing Arts
UC subject area satisfied: f (visual and performing arts)

COURSE DESCRIPTION
Orchestra 1,2 teaches the musical concepts and technique of performing at a beginning level. In this course, students will learn how to produce controlled and accurate pitch and create a mature string tone, as well as learn the basics of music notation and musical vocabulary. Students will be exposed to the major
scale and diverse repertoire and will be asked to think deeply about the discipline of music from a number of perspectives, including style, genre, mood, and historical and cultural context. Additional topics of study include demonstrating appropriate performance etiquette, identifying musical contrasts, evaluating performances, and creating new music through compositions and improvisations.

**BASIC INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS**
Each site selects its own resources from available instructional media.

SDUSD VAPA Core Learnings, 2005, available on-line at: www.sandi.net/staff/visual-and-performing-arts-vapa/music

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**ORCHESTRA 3,4 (P) • 5337, 5338**

*Grade level:* 10–12  
*Prerequisites:* Orchestra 1,2; ability to play a string instrument; students may be auditioned and grouped together into ensembles on the basis of tone quality, instrumentation, or skill  
*Course duration:* Two semesters  
*Graduation credit:* Visual and Performing Arts  
*UC subject area satisfied:* f (visual and performing arts)

**COURSE DESCRIPTION**

Orchestra 3,4 teaches the musical concepts and instrumental technique of performing at an early intermediate level. In this course, students will increase their knowledge of music notation and musical vocabulary, and will continue to refine their pitch accuracy, instrumental tone, and performance skills. Students will interact with music through composing, improvising, transcribing, performing, and evaluating performances. They will be exposed to the harmonic minor scale, musical careers in media, and additional diverse repertoire, and will be asked to think deeply about the history of American music and the cultural functions of music.

**BASIC INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS**
Each site selects its own resources from available instructional media.

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**ORCHESTRA 5,6 (P) • 5339, 5340**

*Grade level:* 11–12  
*Prerequisites:* Orchestra 3,4; ability to play a string instrument; students may be auditioned and grouped together into ensembles on the basis of tone quality, instrumentation, or skill  
*Course duration:* Two semesters  
*Graduation credit:* Visual and Performing Arts  
*UC subject area satisfied:* f (visual and performing arts)

**COURSE DESCRIPTION**

Orchestra 5,6 allows intermediate musicians to further develop their string technique and tonal control. They will begin to independently monitor and modify their own pitch and interpretation, and evaluate performances using more sophisticated analysis. More complex musical concepts, notation, and vocabulary will be studied, including modulations, cadences, and multiple types of scales. Students will perform diverse repertoire in a variety of performance settings and venues. They will create longer and more intricate compositions, improvisations, and arrangements of music, and improve their aural skills through transcription. The students will complete a musical career research project and draw conclusions about the context of a piece based on its stylistic features.

**BASIC INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS**
Each site selects its own resources from available instructional media.

SDUSD VAPA Core Learnings, 2005, available on-line at: www.sandi.net/staff/visual-and-performing-arts-vapa/music

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**ORCHESTRA 7,8 (P) • 5341, 5342**

*Grade level:* 12  
*Prerequisites:* Orchestra 5,6; ability to play a string instrument; students may be auditioned and grouped together into ensembles on the basis of tone quality, instrumentation, or skill
**Course duration:** Two semesters  
**Graduation credit:** Visual and Performing Arts  
**UC subject area satisfied:** f (visual and performing arts)

**Course Description**  
Orchestra 7,8 completes the musical education of the advanced student by connecting their performance skills with their ability to investigate and solve musical challenges, using research where necessary. Students will demonstrate independent performance alone and in small groups, making appropriate personal choices of tone, interpretation, and musicality. They will study diverse repertoire, with foci on multi-movement works, 20th-century notation, and the music of the Americas. They will develop an expanded knowledge of scales and cadences, create multi-part compositions, and evaluate musical performances at an advanced level. They will study instrument development, analyze the role of form in works from different backgrounds, and identify the process of composing for film.

**Basic Instructional Materials**  
Site-selected music.

*SDUSD VAPA Core Learnings, 2005, available on-line at: [www.sandi.net/staff/visual-and-performing-arts-vapa/music](http://www.sandi.net/staff/visual-and-performing-arts-vapa/music)*

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**Orchestra 7,8 Honors (HP) • 5347, 5348**  
**Grade level:** 12  
**Prerequisites:** Orchestra 5,6; ability to play a string instrument; students may be auditioned and grouped together into ensembles on the basis of tone quality, instrumentation, or skill  
**Course duration:** Two semesters  
**Graduation credit:** Visual and Performing Arts; weighted  
**UC subject area satisfied:** f (visual and performing arts)

**Course Description**  
Orchestra 7,8 Honors is the culmination of the musical education of the advanced orchestra student, as it not only connects their performance skills with their ability to investigate and solve musical challenges, but additionally requires deeper subject research, more analytical thinking, and new complex interactions with music. Students will demonstrate independent performing alone and in small groups, making appropriate personal choices of tone, interpretation, and musicality. They will study diverse repertoire with foci on multi-movement works, 20th century notation, and the music of the Americas. They will develop an expanded knowledge of advanced techniques and vocabulary, including enharmonics, scales, and cadences. Students will create multi-part compositions, and evaluate musical performances at an advanced level. They will study instrument development, analyze the role of form in works from different backgrounds, and identify the process of composing for film. Final written and performance projects in both semesters cover research, music selection, analysis of musical challenges, and an individual recital capstone.

**Basic Instructional Materials**  
Site-selected sheet music.

*SDUSD VAPA Core Learnings, 2005, available on-line at: [www.sandi.net/staff/visual-and-performing-arts-vapa/music](http://www.sandi.net/staff/visual-and-performing-arts-vapa/music)*

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**Piano 1,2 (P) • 5120, 5121**  
**Grade level:** 9–12  
**Prerequisites:** Ability to play, or interest in learning to play, the piano; students may be auditioned and grouped together on the basis of tone quality, musicianship, or skill  
**Course duration:** Two semesters  
**Graduation credit:** Visual and Performing Arts  
**UC subject area satisfied:** f (visual and performing arts)

**Course Description**  
Piano 1,2 teaches the musical concepts and technique of performing at a beginning level. In this course,
students will learn how to produce controlled and accurate pitch through melodies and chords, as well as learn the basics of music notation and musical vocabulary. Students will be exposed to the major scale and diverse repertoire and will be asked to think deeply about the discipline of music from a number of perspectives, including style, genre, mood, and historical and cultural context. Additional topics of study include demonstrating appropriate performance etiquette, identifying musical contrasts, evaluating performances, and creating new music through compositions and improvisations.

**Basic Instructional Materials**
Each site selects its own resources from available instructional media.

*SDUSD VAPA Core Learnings, 2005, available on-line at: www.sandi.net/staff/visual-and-performing-arts-vapa/music*

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**PIANO 3,4 (P) • 5122, 5123**

**Grade level:** 10–12  
**Prerequisites:** Piano 1,2; ability to play the piano; students may be auditioned and grouped together on the basis of tone quality, musicianship, or skill  
**Course duration:** Two semesters  
**Graduation credit:** Visual and Performing Arts  
**UC subject area satisfied:** f (visual and performing arts)

**Course Description**
Piano 3,4 teaches the musical concepts and piano technique of performing at an early intermediate level. In this course, students will increase their knowledge of music notation and musical vocabulary, and will continue to refine their pitch accuracy, tone, and performance skills. Students will interact with music through composing, improvising, transcribing, performing, and evaluating performances. They will be exposed to the harmonic minor scale, common chord progressions, musical careers in media, and additional diverse repertoire, and will be asked to think deeply about the history of American music and the cultural functions of music.

**Basic Instructional Materials**
Each site selects its own resources from available instructional media.

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**PIANO 5,6 (P) • 5140, 5141**

**Grade level:** 11–12  
**Prerequisites:** Piano 3,4; ability to play the piano; students may be auditioned and grouped together on the basis of tone quality, musicianship, or skill  
**Course duration:** Two semesters  
**Graduation credit:** Visual and Performing Arts  
**UC subject area satisfied:** f (visual and performing arts)

**Course Description**
Piano 5,6 allows intermediate musicians to further develop their piano technique and tone. They will begin to independently monitor and modify their own pitch and interpretation, and evaluate performances using more sophisticated analysis. More complex musical concepts, notation, and vocabulary will be studied, including modulations, cadences, and multiple types of scales. Students will perform diverse repertoire in a variety of performance settings and venues. They will create longer and more intricate compositions, improvisations, and arrangements of music, and improve their aural skills through transcription. The students will complete a musical career research project and draw conclusions about the context of a piece based on its stylistic features.

**Basic Instructional Materials**
Each site selects its own resources from available instructional media.
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* Pilot courses and courses approved by the Board of Education to be offered at specific sites only are also described below. Please note that other schools may not offer these courses without prior approval from the Interdivisional Curriculum Committee.

† For students in grade 5 at schools that use a secondary-type schedule.

§ This course is currently accepted by the University of California as meeting its (visual and performing arts) entrance requirement. However, each district high school seeking recognition by the university of this course for its students must include the course on its individual UC-approved list.

The following course descriptions are arranged alphabetically. Refer to the chart above for guidance.

INTRODUCTION TO MAKE-UP AND COSTUME 1,2 • 1471, 1472
Grade level: 9–12
Prerequisites: Technical Theater 1,2 or teacher recommendation
Course duration: Two semesters
Graduation credit: Elective

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Site-adopted Course. Approved for the San Diego School of Creative and Performing Arts (SCPA). Other schools may not offer this course without prior approval from the Interdivisional Curriculum Committee.

This two-semester introductory course is intended to acquaint intermediate-level theater arts students with the basic principles and practices of stage make-up and costume design. It is designed to give students who plan on pursuing a career in theater arts a better understanding of these two backstage aspects of theatrical production.

BASIC INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS
Each site selects its own resources from available instructional media.

PLAYWRITING AND DIRECTING 1,2 (P) • 1443, 1444
Grade level: 9–12
Prerequisites: Approval of instructor
Course duration: Two semesters
Graduation credit: Visual and Performing Arts
**Visual and Performing Arts: Theatre**

**UC subject area satisfied:** f (visual and performing arts)

**COURSE DESCRIPTION**

**Site-adopted Course.** Approved for Mira Mesa, Serra, and all schools in the San Diego High Educational Complex. Other schools may not offer this course without prior approval from the Interdivisional Curriculum Committee.

Students in this course focus either on either playwriting or on directing. Students who choose playwriting are expected to work independently and complete at least one original one-act play during the two-semester course period. Plays in progress are reviewed and discussed weekly. Students in the directing focus will acquire basic skills as intern directors for Drama 1,2 classes. In the second semester, they will either select and direct a one-act play using student actors, or serve as student directors on a major school production.

**BASIC INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS**

Each site selects its own resources from available instructional media.

**PRODUCTION AND PERFORMANCE 1,2 (P) • 1445, 1446**

**Grade level:** 9–12

**Prerequisites:** Theatre 1,2 or permission of instructor and audition (required); at SCPA, students new to the drama program must also present a one-minute monologue

**Course duration:** Two semesters

**Graduation credit:** Visual and Performing Arts

**UC subject area satisfied:** f (visual and performing arts)

**COURSE DESCRIPTION**

This two-semester course allows students to take part in all aspects of production, both onstage and off-, as they participate in the tasks involved in bringing a show from concept to completion. Students are expected to work independently and in collaborative teams to carry out specific assignments including publicity, design, technical theatre, acting, directing, front of house, backstage duties, and stage and production management, among others. Special attention is paid to the creative, rehearsal, and performance processes as well as how to analyze and evaluate artistic work.

**Basic Instructional Materials**

Each site selects its own resources from available instructional media.

**THEATRE 5TH–8TH BEGINNING • 1457**

**Grade level:** 5–8

**Prerequisites:** None

**Course duration:** One or two semesters

**COURSE DESCRIPTION**

**Note:** This course must be taught by a teacher with the appropriate credential and who preferably has a theater background.

This is the first course in a sequential series of standards-based theatre courses for the middle-school level. It is a beginning-level course designed for students who want to build fundamental performance skills and explore the elements of theatre through creating, performing, responding and connecting to the real world. Topics include introductory vocabulary, pantomime, improvisation, dialogue, playwriting, the actor’s tools, character creation, given circumstances, staging techniques, beginning monologue and scene work, rehearsal, performance, reflection and interpretation. Collaboration and ensemble work is emphasized. Basic plot analysis and acting techniques are investigated. Students identify how culture influences drama. Also surveyed are behind-the-scenes jobs in theatre as well as simple design and technical theatre study.

**Basic Instructional Materials**

Theatre 5th–8th Beginning Instructional Guide.

**SDUSD VAPA Core Learnings, 2005**, available on-line at: [www.sandi.net/staff/visual-and-performing-arts-vapa/theatre](http://www.sandi.net/staff/visual-and-performing-arts-vapa/theatre)
THEATRE 5TH–8TH INTERMEDIATE • 1458

Grade level: 5–8
Prerequisites: Theatre 5th–8th Beginning, and teacher recommendation
Course duration: One or two semesters

Course Description

Note: This course must be taught by a teacher with the appropriate credential and who preferably has a theater background.

This is the second course in a sequential series of standards-based theatre courses designed for the middle-school level. The course continues the exploration of the elements of theatre through creating, performing, responding and connecting to the real world. Topics include building additional knowledge and skills in theatre vocabulary, pantomime, improvisation, dialogue, playwriting, the actor’s tools, character creation and use of objectives, given circumstances, rehearsal, formal and informal performance for an audience, reflection and interpretation. This next level introduces problem solving through script analysis, creative staging of a theatrical piece, and further investigation of design and technical theatre. Students are expected to describe their artistic process and make connections to personal and cultural experiences. Students research and create projects related to world theatre history. Students must work in collaborative teams and demonstrate strong ensemble skills.

Basic Instructional Materials
Theatre 5th–8th Intermediate Instructional Guide.
SDUSD VAPA Core Learnings, 2005, available on-line at: www.sandi.net/staff/visual-and-performing-arts-vapa/theatre

THEATRE 6TH–8TH ADVANCED • 1459

Grade level: 6–8
Prerequisites: Theatre 5th–8th Intermediate and/or teacher recommendation.
Course duration: One or two semesters

Course Description

Note: This course must be taught by a teacher with the appropriate credential and who preferably has a theater background.

This is the third course in a sequential series of standards-based theatre courses for the middle-school level. Students in this course develop advanced theatre skills in creating, performing, responding, and connecting. They are expected to exhibit professional demeanor as they acquire the tools necessary to continue their theatrical education at the high school level. In this class, students create multiple solutions to staging, design and character creation, serve in leadership roles and as part of collaborative teams, analyze scripts, utilize basic theatre technology, participate in the rehearsal and production process, perform in both formal and informal situations, write critiques, understand and communicate the creative process, and articulate the role of theatre in society. Different styles of theatre, including musical theatre, are explored. Students identify the role of American history and technology and the influence it has had on American theatre. Students research career options in the arts, media, and entertainment industries.

Basic Instructional Materials
Theatre 6th–8th Advanced Instructional Guide.
SDUSD VAPA Core Learnings, 2005, available on-line at: www.sandi.net/staff/visual-and-performing-arts-vapa/theatre

THEATRE 1,2 (P) • 1423, 1424

Grade level: 9–12
Prerequisites: None
Course duration: Two semesters
Graduation credit: Visual and Performing Arts
UC subject area satisfied: f (visual & performing arts)

Course Description

This is the first course in a sequential series of standards-based theatre courses designed for the high-school level. It is directed primarily toward acquiring performance and language skills through acting, reading, speaking, listening, writing, and body control. Students focus on creating, performing, responding, and connecting theatrical experiences to the real world. Specific topics explored include physical and vocal work, pantomime and
improvisation, basic dramatic structure, theatre vocabulary, the collaborative nature of the production and creative team, theatrical staging techniques, given circumstances, introduction to the rehearsal and performance process, understanding the creative process, scene study and monologues, responding to theatre through different formats, and exploring the role of culture in theatre. An overview of technical theatre and design is included as well. Students are expected to work collaboratively to develop an ensemble, apply creative problem solving techniques, perform for an audience in informal settings, and demonstrate appropriate audience and backstage etiquette. Critique, reflection, and assessment are utilized as documentation for the course. Students learn to describe how skills acquired in theatre apply to other content areas, careers, and their own lives.

**Basic Instructional Materials**

Theatre 1,2 Instructional Guide and Key Assignments.  
SDUSD VAPA Core Learnings, 2005, available on-line at: [www.sandi.net/staff/visual-and-performing-arts-vapa/theatre](http://www.sandi.net/staff/visual-and-performing-arts-vapa/theatre)

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**Theatre 3, 4 (P) • 1425, 1426**

**Grade level:** 10–12  
**Prerequisites:** Theatre 1,2 with a grade of C or better, or instructor’s permission  
**Course duration:** Two semesters  
**Graduation credit:** Visual and Performing Arts  
**UC Subject area satisfied:** f (visual and performing arts)

**Course Description**

This is the second course in a sequential series of standards-based theatre courses designed for the high-school level. This intermediate-level class continues to develop the skills introduced in Theatre 1,2. Additional areas of study include a more in depth experience in technical theatre and design, exploration of world theatre history and performance, and practice in dramaturgy and playwriting. Students are expected to perform in both formal and informal settings, participate in leadership roles as well as work in collaborative, problem-solving teams.

Students reflect on their own creative process, demonstrate understanding of others’ aesthetic choices, compare traditional and nontraditional interpretations of theatrical material, and write critiques. Students identify how film, theatre, television, social, and electronic media influence society and culture. Time is also devoted to exploring career paths and professional standards in the industry.

**Basic Instructional Materials**

Theatre 3,4 Instructional Guide and Key Assignments.  
SDUSD VAPA Core Learnings, 2005, available on-line at: [www.sandi.net/staff/visual-and-performing-arts-vapa/theatre](http://www.sandi.net/staff/visual-and-performing-arts-vapa/theatre)

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**Theatre 5, 6 (P) • 1427, 1428**

**Grade level:** 10–12  
**Prerequisites:** Theatre 3,4 with a grade of C or better, and/or instructor’s permission  
**Course duration:** Two semesters  
**Graduation credit:** Visual and Performing Arts  
**UC Subject area satisfied:** f (visual and performing arts)

**Course Description**

This is the third course in a sequential series of standards-based theatre courses designed for the high-school level. The third year’s instruction in theatre allows students to put into practice what they have learned in first two years of study. Students are expected to take on leadership roles and special projects related to play production and class projects. At this level students are able to refine dramatic concepts, revise ideas during the rehearsal process to enhance storytelling, conduct advanced research to improve dramaturgy, build teams, support the creative process, and to function as assistants to any of the creative team leaders on the production staff. As actors, students continue to advance their craft, applying researched theatrical styles and acting exercises as an approach to character work. They collaborate to create new work and investigate both western and non-western theatre history. Formal performances are expected for a variety of audience
types. Critique, reflection, interpretation, and response are firmly part of the creative process at this point. Script analysis includes classical, contemporary, realistic, and nonrealistic texts representing a broad spectrum of cultural diversity. Students interested in playwriting write monologues, short plays, and one-acts. Students interested in directing research directors’ styles, compare historical productions, form unique choices in preparing a directorial concept, and practice creative problem solving through staging techniques. Exploration of career and college opportunities in theatre and the entertainment industry is required.

**BASIC INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS**


SDUSD VAPA Core Learnings, 2005, available on-line at: [www.sandi.net/staff/visual-and-performing-arts-vapa/theatre](http://www.sandi.net/staff/visual-and-performing-arts-vapa/theatre)

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**THEATRE ARTS HL 1,2 IB (P) • 0486, 0487**

Grade level: 12

Prerequisites: Theatre 1,2, Theatre 3,4, Theatre Arts SL 1,2 IB

Course duration: Two semesters

Graduation credit: Visual and Performing Arts

UC subject area satisfied: f (visual and performing arts)

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**COURSE DESCRIPTION**

This is the first year of what will be a multifaceted, two-year theatre-making course of study. Students have the opportunity to make theatre as creators, designers, directors, and performers, transforming ideas into action as inquisitive and productive artists. Students learn to apply research and theory to inform and contextualize their work. They become aware of their own personal and cultural perspectives and develop an appreciation of the diversity of theatre practices. They explore the skills, techniques, and processes involved with creating theatre.

**BASIC INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS**

Each site selects its own resources from available instructional media.
THEATRE ARTS SL 1, 2 IB (P) • 0484, 0485
Grade level: 11
Prerequisites: None
Course duration: Two semesters
Graduation credit: Visual and Performing Arts
UC subject area satisfied: f (visual and performing arts)

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Pilot Course. Approved for San Diego International Studies High School as part of its International Baccalaureate (IB) program. This course is not available to other schools.

Theatre Arts SL consists of three equal, interrelated areas: presenting theatre, theatre in context, and theatre processes. Students in this course are required to understand the relationships among these areas and how each informs and affects their work in theatre. Students are required to approach these areas from the perspectives of each of the following specialist roles: creator, designer, director, and performer.

The addition of this course to the curriculum at the San Diego School of International Studies will strengthen its theatre offerings and broaden access to coursework in the visual and performing arts for students who wish to complete the International Baccalaureate Diploma Program.

BASIC INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS
Each site selects its own resources from available instructional media.

THEATRE: THE MUSICAL 1, 2 (P) • 1411, 1412
Grade level: 9–12
Prerequisites: An audition with a prepared song; ability to carry a melody
Course duration: Two semesters
Graduation credit: Visual and Performing Arts
UC subject area satisfied: f (visual and performing arts)

COURSE DESCRIPTION
This two-semester course provides a guided workshop in which students can practice and polish their musical-theatre audition and performance skills. It requires students to be self-disciplined and able to set and reach individual goals to make the best use of available resources. Students are required to give individual and ensemble performances, in both formal and informal settings, on a regular basis, and are expected to do homework outside of class, including research, report writing, and practice. This course includes the study of the musical theatre form,
history and styles, as well as major figures in musical theatre. Instruction comes from a combination of departments, including theatre, music, and dance.

**BASIC INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS**
Theatre: The Musical 1,2 Instructional Guide.
Each site selects its own resources from available publications.
Theatre 1,2 Instructional Guide and Key Assignments.
SDUSD VAPA Core Learnings, 2005, available on-line at: www.sandi.net/staff/visual-and-performing-arts-vapa/theatre

**THEATRE: THE MUSICAL 3,4 (P) • 1453, 1454**

*Grade level:* 10–12
*Prerequisite:* Theatre: The Musical 1,2 (1411, 1412)
*Course duration:* Two semesters
*Graduation credit:* Visual and Performing Arts
*UC subject area satisfied:* f (visual and performing arts)

**COURSE DESCRIPTION**
This course provides students with a second year of study in musical theatre. Topics include audition techniques, musical theatre history, performance preparation and presentation, show selection and design, and the business of show business. Students who take this course will participate in individual and ensemble performances on a regular basis. Students will also explore post-secondary opportunities in the fields of arts, media and entertainment, as specifically related to musical theatre.

**BASIC INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS**
Each site selects its own resources from available publications.
Theatre 1,2 Instructional Guide and Key Assignments.
SDUSD VAPA Core Learnings, 2005, available on-line at: www.sandi.net/staff/visual-and-performing-arts-vapa/theatre

**THEATRE WHEEL 6TH-8TH • 1439**

*Grade level:* 6–8
*Prerequisites:* None
*Course duration:* One semester; may also be taught as a six-, nine-, or 12-week portion of an 18-week wheel course. May be repeated for credit

**COURSE DESCRIPTION**
This course is an introduction to the elements of theatre and is directed toward helping students acquire performance, communication, and problem-solving skills through acting, reading, speaking, listening, writing, and body control. Students explore the creative process, learn to respond to artistic work, and empathize with others. They are encouraged to make connections between theatre, electronic media, and their own lives.

**BASIC INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS**
Selected individual works of drama.
SDUSD VAPA Core Learnings, 2005, available on-line at: www.sandi.net/staff/visual-and-performing-arts-vapa/theatre

**THEATRICAL DESIGN 1,2 (P) • 1437, 1438**

*Grade level:* 9–12
*Prerequisite:* Explorations in Technical Theatre 1,2
*Course duration:* Two semesters
*Graduation credit:* Visual and Performing Arts
*UC subject area satisfied:* f (visual and performing arts)

**COURSE DESCRIPTION**
Site-adopted Course. Approved for the San Diego School of Creative and Performing Arts (SCPA). Other schools may not offer this course without prior approval from the Interdivisional Curriculum Committee.

This two-semester course is an in-depth study of set, costume, and make-up design for theater. Students get hands-on practice designing for production and performance courses and dance concerts. Priority is given to technical theater students for placement on school stage crew.

**BASIC INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS**
Each site selects its own resources from available instructional media.

### THEATRICAL DESIGN 3,4 (P) • 0479, 0480

**Grade level:** 10–12  
**Prerequisite:** Theatrical Design 1,2 (1437, 1438)  
**Course duration:** Two semesters  
**Graduation credit:** Visual and Performing Arts  
**UC subject area satisfied:** f (visual and performing arts)

**COURSE DESCRIPTION**

#### Pilot Course. Approved for the San Diego School of Creative and Performing Arts (SCPA). Other schools may not offer this course without prior approval from the Interdivisional Curriculum Committee.

This is a two-semester, intermediate-level course offering theatrical and dance design training. It is designed to build on skills learned in Theatrical Design 1,2 and Technical Theatre 1,2 by adding more complicated analysis and communication training. Students learn hand and computer drafting techniques, develop the mathematical skills required for design, practice digital editing of sound and images, and implement complex composition layering. The focus of this course is lighting and sound design, but it uses scenic and costume design elements as its foundation.

**Basic Instructional Materials**

Each site selects its own resources from available instructional media.

### VOICE AND DICTION 1,2 • 1460, 1461

**Grade level:** 9–12  
**Prerequisite:** None  
**Course duration:** Two semesters  
**Graduation credit:** Elective  
**Note:** This course is offered during even-numbered school years (e.g., 2016–17) and alternates with Film Arts 1,2 (0387, 0388)

**COURSE DESCRIPTION**

#### Site-adopted Course. Approved for the San Diego School of Creative and Performing Arts (SCPA). Other schools may not offer this course without prior approval from the Interdivisional Curriculum Committee.

Voice and Diction is a two-semester, advanced-level course that develops students’ speaking voices and improves their diction. Students gain an understanding of how the vocal mechanism works, and which muscles are used to deliver powerful and accurate speech. This course is intended for both performers and non-performers, since the skills it teaches are useful in all career areas.

**Basic Instructional Materials**

Each site selects its own resources from available instructional media.
### Visual and Media Arts Courses (Grades 5–12)

**Sequence of Districtwide Courses***

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* Pilot courses and courses approved by the Board of Education to be offered at specific sites only are also described below. Please note that other schools may not offer these courses without prior approval from the Interdivisional Curriculum Committee.

† For students in grade 5 at schools that use a secondary-type schedule.

§ This course is currently accepted by the University of California as meeting its (visual and performing arts) entrance requirement. However, each district high school seeking recognition by the university of this course for its students must include the course on its individual UC-approved list.

** This course may be taken in grade 9 with teacher recommendation.
Typical Senior High Pathways in Visual Arts

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The following course descriptions are arranged **alphabetically.** Refer to the chart on page VAPA-38 for guidance.

**ART 1,2 (P) • 0191, 0192**

*Grade level:* 9–12  
*Prerequisites:* None  
*Course duration:* Two semesters  
*Graduation credit:* Visual and Performing Arts  
*UC subject area satisfied:* f (visual and performing arts)

**COURSE DESCRIPTION**

This foundational high school course allows students with a wide variety of backgrounds in visual art education to understand and use elements of art and principles of design through examination of images, reading, writing, discussion, and creating works of art to widen and deepen visual literacy. Instruction focuses on drawing skills (e.g., observational, gesture, contour, figure, one- and two-point perspective, shading, pointillism) and painting skills (e.g., strokes, stippling, color blocking, blending, wash) using a variety of media. Multiple approaches to artistic investigations are represented in each student portfolio. Sketchbook/journal entries document development, refinement, and reflection of student work. Students will write critical analyses that describe, interpret, analyze, and judge historic and contemporary works of art, including their own.

**BASIC INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS**

SDUSD VAPA, *Art 1,2 Teacher Guidebook*, 2012.  
*Artist Biography Video Resource Set.*  
*SDUSD VAPA Core Learnings*, 2005, available on-line at: [www.sandi.net/staff/visual-and-performing-arts-vapa/visual-arts](http://www.sandi.net/staff/visual-and-performing-arts-vapa/visual-arts)

**ART 7TH 1,2 • 0101, 0102**

*Grade level:* 7  
*Prerequisites:* None  
*Course duration:* One or two semesters. Art 7th 1 (0101) also may be taught in a six-, nine-, or 12-week portion of an 18-week (one-semester) wheel course; may be repeated for credit

**COURSE DESCRIPTION**

In this course, all elements of art are identified in relationship to the principles of design to describe, analyze, and interpret works of art. The focus on developing increased skill and persistence through practice in drawing, painting, and sculpting skills is documented in a longitudinal portfolio to show evidence of growth in at least three media for the duration of the course. Individual sketchbooks/journals serve as additional
documentation for planning, creating, editing, and reworking ideas and works of art. Students compare and contrast works of art and functional art products that represent various world cultures. Finally, this course introduces students to methods of art preservation and careers in visual art.

**Basic Instructional Materials**

SDUSD VAPA Core Learnings, 2005, available on-line at: [www.sandi.net/staff/visual-and-performing-arts-vapa/visual-arts](http://www.sandi.net/staff/visual-and-performing-arts-vapa/visual-arts)

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**ART 8TH 1,2 • 0120, 0121**

**Grade level:** 8  
**Prerequisites:** Demonstrated interest and ability in art  
**Course duration:** One or two semesters. Art 8th 1 (0120) also may be taught in a six-, nine-, or 12-week portion of an 18-week (one-semester) wheel course; may be repeated for credit

**Course Description**
In the course, students synthesize their knowledge of the elements of art and principles of design to expand their personal expression and visual communication skills in drawing, painting, sculpture, and electronic media (where available). Students are encouraged to take risks by exploring works of contemporary art, identifying issues of importance, and creating original works of art that express their ideas and feelings on the issue. Students collaborate on at least one artistic investigation that communicates a theme and is designed for the public. Individual sketchbook/journals document research and planning of a series of works of art based on a single theme. As students explore contemporary art in the neighborhood or city, they are introduced to regional careers in visual art.

**Basic Instructional Materials**

SDUSD VAPA Core Learnings, 2005, available on-line at: [www.sandi.net/staff/visual-and-performing-arts-vapa/visual-arts](http://www.sandi.net/staff/visual-and-performing-arts-vapa/visual-arts)

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**ART HISTORY 1,2 AP (HP) • 0381, 0382**

**Grade level:** 11–12  
**Prerequisites:** Grade of B or better in English 1,2 and/or recommendation of teacher or counselor  
**Course duration:** Two semesters  
**Graduation credit:** Visual and Performing Arts; weighted  
**UC subject area satisfied:** f (visual and performing arts)

**Course Description**
This course is designed to prepare students for the AP examination for college credit. Through slide-illustrated lectures, field trips, discussions, and participation in special projects, students will explore the themes that have impelled artists to be creative. The course will present a historical as well as an
analytical approach to visual art and its place in Western and non-Western civilizations through an in-depth, discipline-based approach.

**BASIC INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS**


SDUSD VAPA Core Learnings, 2005, available on-line at: www.sandi.net/staff/visual-and-performing-arts-vapa/visual-arts

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**ARTS 5TH–6TH • 0104**

**Grade level:** 5–6  
**Prerequisites:** None  
**Course duration:** One semester or a six-, nine-, or 12-week portion of an 18-week (one-semester) wheel course; may be repeated for credit

**COURSE DESCRIPTION**

This exploratory course gives students an opportunity to develop skills in multiple art-making techniques. Whatever the duration of the course, students demonstrate increased levels of craftsmanship by creating original works of art individually and collaboratively. Students develop a visual plan for displaying works of art in an exhibition and respond to the creative process by writing an artist statement.

**BASIC INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS**


SDUSD VAPA Core Learnings, 2005, available on-line at: www.sandi.net/staff/visual-and-performing-arts-vapa/visual-arts

**SUPPLEMENTARY RESOURCES**

Art Study Sets (19 titles; available at the IMC).

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**CERAMICS 1,2 (P) • 0231, 0232**

**Grade level:** 10–12  
**Prerequisites:** Art 1,2 or Design in Mixed Media 1,2  
**Course duration:** Two semesters  
**Graduation credit:** Visual and Performing Arts  
**UC subject area satisfied:** f (visual and performing arts)

**COURSE DESCRIPTION**

This is an introductory-level ceramics course in which students design and construct art objects using clay. They learn about form and function, actual texture, and bisque and glaze firing techniques. Students create clay bodies using pinch, slab, coil, and wheel-thrown methods. They develop criteria for evaluating ceramic forms and participate in critical processes. Students analyze, select, and curate an exhibition of their work collaboratively.

**BASIC INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS**

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**Site-adopted Course.** Approved for Creative, Performing, and Media Arts Middle School (CPMA). Other schools may not offer this course without prior approval from the Interdivisional Curriculum Committee.

Broadcast Media Arts is the capstone course in the foundational media arts elective path at CPMA, and is designed for students who are interested in careers in news, promotion, program production, writing, audience research, and management. The course is conducted in the school’s on-site broadcasting studio, and provides students with hands-on experience in all areas of broadcasting operations. Students who take this course will interview people, work under tight deadlines, write and speak clearly, operate technical equipment, and be professional and courteous in working with their classmates and others.

**BASIC INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS**

Each site selects its own resources from available instructional media.

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**BROADCAST MEDIA ARTS 6TH–8TH • 1475**

**Grade level:** 6–8  
**Prerequisites:** Video Production 6th-8th Intermediate  
**Course duration:** Two semesters

**COURSE DESCRIPTION**

College Preparatory Course (P). This course meets the University of California’s f (visual and performing arts) subject-area requirement.

This is an introductory-level ceramics course in which students design and construct art objects using clay. They learn about form and function, actual texture, and bisque and glaze firing techniques. Students create clay bodies using pinch, slab, coil, and wheel-thrown methods. They develop criteria for evaluating ceramic forms and participate in critical processes. Students analyze, select, and curate an exhibition of their work collaboratively.

**BASIC INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS**


SDUSD VAPA Core Learnings, 2005, available on-line at: [www.sandi.net/staff/visual-and-performing-arts-vapa/visual-arts](http://www.sandi.net/staff/visual-and-performing-arts-vapa/visual-arts)

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**CERAMICS 3,4 (P) • 0233, 0234**

**Grade level:** 11–12

**Prerequisites:** Ceramics 1,2 or instructor’s recommendation. (Only students with average or better ability in ceramics should be counseled into this course.)

**Course duration:** Two semesters

**Graduation credit:** Visual and Performing Arts

**UC subject area satisfied:** f (visual and performing arts)

**COURSE DESCRIPTION**

This studio course provides advanced study in hand-built and wheel-thrown construction methods. Students design and apply innovative surface decoration and glazing methods while experimenting with ceramic bodies, including lidded containers, wall pieces, and sculpture. Students develop, refine, and create a series of ceramic objects based on existing works. Individually, students analyze and select their own work for presentation. Collaboratively, they curate an exhibit based on a theme.

**BASIC INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS**


SDUSD VAPA Core Learnings, 2005, available on-line at: [www.sandi.net/staff/visual-and-performing-arts-vapa/visual-arts](http://www.sandi.net/staff/visual-and-performing-arts-vapa/visual-arts)

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**COLOR AND DESIGN 1,2 (P) • 0241, 0242**

**Grade level:** 10–12

**Prerequisites:** Art 1,2 or Design in Mixed Media 1,2

**Course duration:** Two semesters

**Graduation credit:** Visual and Performing Arts

**UC subject area satisfied:** f (visual and performing arts)

**COURSE DESCRIPTION**

This in-depth course in design and color concepts emphasizes literal, stylized, abstract, and non-objective application. Students will be challenged to use the elements and principles of art in meaningful, innovative ways while examining and creating works of art to develop mastery in mixing and application of color. Students develop, refine, and create a series of works of art based on existing works. Individually, students analyze and select their own work for presentation. Collaboratively, they curate an exhibit based on a theme.

**BASIC INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS**

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**DESIGN IN MIXED MEDIA 1,2 (P) • 0244, 0245**

**Grade level:** grades 9–12

**Prerequisites:** None

**Course duration:** Two semesters

**Graduation credit:** Visual and Performing Arts

**UC subject area satisfied:** f (visual and performing arts)

**COURSE DESCRIPTION**

This foundational high school course allows students with a wide variety of backgrounds in visual art education to understand and use elements of art and principles of design through examination of images, reading, writing, discussion, and creating works of art to widen and deepen visual literacy. Instruction focuses on the design, development, and creation of handmade, functional, and artistic objects, mostly three-dimensional. Investigation of contemporary and traditional multicultural works of art and processes in this course requires minimal drawing and painting skills. Multiple approaches to artistic investigations include problem solving in clay, papier-mâché, fiber, and digital and electronic media (where available). Sketchbook/journal entries and
individual portfolios document development, refinement, and reflection of student work. Students write critical analyses that describe, interpret, analyze, and judge historic and contemporary works of art, including their own.

**Basic Instructional Materials**


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**Design in Mixed Media 3,4 (P) • 0246, 0247**

**Grade level:** 10–12  
**Prerequisites:** Design in Mixed Media 1,2 or Art 1,2  
**Course duration:** Two semesters  
**Graduation credit:** Visual and Performing Arts  
**UC subject area satisfied:** f (visual and performing arts)

**Course Description**

This advanced course focuses on historical and cultural implication of artists as craftpersons around the world and throughout history. Instruction also includes further investigation of contemporary and traditional works of art that use multiple media in individual works. This course requires minimal drawing and painting skills. Students develop, refine, and create a series of handmade objects and/or mixed-media works of art based on existing works. Individually, students analyze and select their own artistic work for presentation. Collaboratively, they curate an exhibit based on a chosen theme.

**Basic Instructional Materials**


SDUSD VAPA Core Learnings, 2005, available on-line at: [www.sandi.net/staff/visual-and-performing-arts-vapa/visual-arts](http://www.sandi.net/staff/visual-and-performing-arts-vapa/visual-arts)

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**Digital Photography 6th–8th • 0109**

**Grade level:** 6–8  
**Prerequisites:** Multimedia Design 6th–8th Beginning, or teacher recommendation

**Course duration:** Two semesters

**Course Description**

This course develops students’ knowledge of the principles and techniques of digital photography in a computer lab setting. Students in this course expand their investigation of art to include the tools offered by technology. They learn how to apply design principles to digital photography by using photo-editing and other software applications to create, enhance, and manipulate photos they have taken, and keep an electronic portfolio of their work. Students who complete this course will be prepared to take on the more-rigorous courses offered in high school.

**Basic Instructional Materials**

Each site selects its own resources from available instructional media.

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**Drawing and Painting 1,2 (P) • 0271, 0272**

**Grade level:** 10–12  
**Prerequisites:** Art 1,2 and Color and Design 1,2  
**Course duration:** Two semesters  
**Graduation credit:** Visual and Performing Arts  
**UC subject area satisfied:** f (visual and performing arts)

**Course Description**

This course is designed for students who have demonstrated aptitude in drawing and painting in prerequisite courses and a desire to pursue a sequence of studies in visual art. Primary emphasis is placed on drawing and painting techniques in a variety of media. Students develop their own personal styles of creative expression as they create individual works based on the elements and principles of art. They are introduced to a variety of cultural and historical styles and motifs. Through critiques, students display the ability to appreciate and value the aesthetics of a wide spectrum of artwork, as well as to understand the relationship
between art, culture, and history. Students develop, refine, and create a series of drawings and paintings based on existing works. Individually, students analyze and select their own artistic work for presentation. Collaboratively, they curate an exhibit based on a theme.

**BASIC INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS**

Drawing and Painting Resource Set (13 books, 5 videos, 6 slide sets).

*SDUSD VAPA Core Learnings, 2005, available on-line at: www.sandi.net/staff/visual-and-performing-arts-vapa/visual-arts*

**DRAWING AND PAINTING ON THE COMPUTER 6TH–8TH • 0108**

**Grade level:** 6–8  
**Prerequisites:** None  
**Course duration:** One semester

**COURSE DESCRIPTION**

*Site-adopted Course. Approved for Creative, Performing, and Media Arts Middle School (CPMA). Other schools may not offer this course without prior approval from the Interdivisional Curriculum Committee.*

This single-semester course is offered in a computer-lab setting. Students learn how to use the tools of technology to create original works of art, including still life and abstract representations. Students learn how to use drawing and painting software to create computer graphics, and apply the principles and techniques of art and design to their creations.

**BASIC INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS**

Each site selects its own resources from available instructional media.

**FILM HL1 IB 1,2 (P) • 0392, 0393**

**Grade level:** 11–12  
**Prerequisites:** None  
**Course duration:** Two semesters  
**Graduation credit:** Visual and Performing Arts  
**UC subject area satisfied:** f (visual and performing arts)

**COURSE DESCRIPTION**

*Site-adopted Course. Approved for San Diego International Studies and Mission Bay High Schools as part of their International Baccalaureate (IB) programs. This course is not available to other schools.*

Film HL1 IB is the first year of a two-year course sequence that explores the artistic and technical nature of film and prepares students to take the IB Higher Level (HL) Exam in Film. In this course, students not only develop an understanding of the fictional and dramatic elements of film, they also analyze the principles of design and technical expertise needed to create film.

**BASIC INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS**

Each site selects its own resources from available instructional media.

**FILM HL2 IB 1,2 (HP) • 0394, 0395**

**Grade level:** 11–12  
**Prerequisites:** Film HL1 IB 1,2  
**Course duration:** Two semesters  
**Graduation credit:** Visual and Performing Arts; weighted  
**UC subject area satisfied:** f (visual and performing arts)

**COURSE DESCRIPTION**

*Site-adopted Course. Approved for Mission Bay High School and San Diego School of International Studies. Other schools may not offer this course without prior approval from the Interdivisional Curriculum Committee.*

Film HL2 IB is the second year of a two-year course sequence in film studies that prepares students to take the IB Higher Level (HL) Exam in Film. Fifty percent of class time is focused on the study of film and film theory, and the remaining 50 percent on the technical aspects of film making. Students in the second-year course delve into more detail in their written critiques and analyses of film, while continuing to improve their technical production and movie-making skills.
This course satisfies the Group 6 (Arts) requirement for the International Baccalaureate diploma.

**BASIC INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS**
Each site selects its own resources from available instructional media.

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**FILM ARTS 1,2 (P) • 0387, 0388**

- **Grade level:** 9–12
- **Prerequisites:** None
- **Course duration:** Two semesters
- **Graduation credit:** Visual and Performing Arts
- **UC subject area satisfied:** f (visual and performing arts)
- **Note:** This course is offered during odd-numbered school years (e.g., 2017–18) and alternates with Voice and Diction (1460, 1461)

**COURSE DESCRIPTION**
Film Arts provides an analysis of film as an art form and as a means of communication. Students will learn to analyze films through narrative structure, genre conventions, subtext, technical and artistic factors, and purpose. Emphasis will be placed on the various visual-language systems and the spectrum of techniques used by filmmakers to convey meaning. The course introduces realistic, classic, and formalistic traditions of filmmaking, as well as the history of the cinema. Students will explore the cultural relevance of films and their influence on society. They will create a short film project.

**BASIC INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS**
Each site selects its own resources from available instructional media.

**SDUSD VAPA Core Learnings, 2005, available on-line at:**
www.sandi.net/staff/visual-and-performing-arts-vapa/visual-arts

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**INDIVIDUALIZED ART STUDIO 1,2 (P) • 0441, 0442**

- **Grade level:** 9–12
- **Prerequisites:** None
- **Course duration:** Two semesters
- **Graduation credit:** Visual and Performing Arts

**UC subject area satisfied:** f (visual and performing arts)

**COURSE DESCRIPTION**
Individualized Art Studio is designed to meet the needs and interests of the most able art students. Greater depth of understanding and improving techniques are emphasized. Both two- and three-dimensional work in sculpture, clay, textiles, drawing, painting, and graphics are included.

**BASIC INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS**
Each site selects its own resources from available instructional media.

**SDUSD VAPA Core Learnings, 2005, available on-line at:**
www.sandi.net/staff/visual-and-performing-arts-vapa/visual-arts

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**MULTIMEDIA DESIGN 6TH–8TH ADVANCED • 0483**

- **Grade level:** 6–8
- **Prerequisites:** Multimedia Design 6th–8th Intermediate; this course is offered in a computer-lab setting and may not be repeated for credit
- **Course duration:** Two semesters

**COURSE DESCRIPTION**
Site-adopted Course. Approved for Creative, Performing, and Media Arts Middle School (CPMA). Other schools may not offer this course without prior approval from the Interdivisional Curriculum Committee.

This is the third and final course in a sequential series of multimedia design courses for the middle-school level. Students in this advanced-level course will learn to apply design principles to photography and computer graphics using a variety of technological tools, including drawing and photographic software. The course set-up will be similar to that of a studio course in that media applications and the structuring of project requirements will be a major responsibility of the students.

**BASIC INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS**
Each site selects its own resources from available instructional media.
MULTIMEDIA DESIGN 6TH–8TH
BEGINNING • 1473
Grade level: 6–8
Prerequisites: None
Course duration: Two semesters

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Site-adopted Course. Approved for Creative, Performing, and Media Arts Middle School (CPMA). Other schools may not offer this course without prior approval from the Interdivisional Curriculum Committee.

This course is the first in a sequential series of courses in multimedia design for middle-school creative arts magnets. It is a beginning-level course that introduces students to the principles of art and design in a computer-lab setting. Students receive instruction in digital photography, digital drawing and painting, and web design.

BASIC INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS
Each site selects its own resources from available instructional media.

MULTIMEDIA DESIGN 6TH–8TH
INTERMEDIATE • 1474
Grade level: 6–8
Prerequisites: Multimedia Design 6th–8th Beginning; this course is offered in a computer-lab setting and may not be repeated for credit
Course duration: Two semesters

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Site-adopted Course. Approved for Creative, Performing, and Media Arts Middle School (CPMA). Other schools may not offer this course without prior approval from the Interdivisional Curriculum Committee.

This is the second course in a sequential series of multimedia design courses for the middle-school level. This intermediate-level course is designed to further expand students’ investigation of art and design, using the tools of technology. Students use photo-editing and drawing and painting software to create original artwork and mixed media designs. Beginning animation techniques are also introduced.

BASIC INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS
Each site selects its own resources from available instructional media.

SENIOR ART STUDIO 1,2 (P) • 0371, 0372
Grade level: 12
Prerequisites: Grade of B or better in two full-year art courses and recommendation of art teacher
Course duration: Two semesters
Graduation credit: Visual and Performing Arts
UC subject area satisfied: f (visual and performing arts)

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course meets the needs of advance, self-motivated students as they discover their own visual styles as artists. Students are expected to demonstrate competency in at least one art form and expertise in composition, and to exhibit their work individually as they develop it. They are also expected to participate in several exhibitions and critiques and to show respect for uniqueness in themselves and others. Students will strengthen their understanding of general styles and periods of major art forms and understand the contexts in which those works were produced. This course will cover the major artistic concerns of contemporary movements in art and how they affect the quality of contemporary life.

BASIC INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS
Each site selects its own resources from available instructional media.

SDUSD VAPA Core Learnings, 2005, available on-line at: www.sandi.net/staff/visual-and-performing-arts-vapa/visual-arts

DRAWING 1,2 AP (HP) • 0377, 0378
Grade level: 11–12
Prerequisites: Grade of B or better in two full-year art courses and recommendation of art teacher
Course duration: Two semesters
Graduation credit: Visual and Performing Arts; weighted
UC subject area satisfied: f (visual and performing arts)

COURSE DESCRIPTION
The AP Art and Design program consists of three different courses and AP Portfolio Exams — AP 2-D Art and Design, AP 3-D Art and Design, and AP Drawing — corresponding to college and university foundations courses. Students may choose to submit any or all of the AP Portfolio Exams. Students create a portfolio of work to demonstrate inquiry through art and design and development of materials, processes, and ideas over the course of a year. Portfolios include works of art and design, process documentation, and written information about the work presented. In May, students submit portfolios for evaluation based on specific criteria, which include skillful synthesis of materials, processes, and ideas and sustained investigation through practice, experimentation, and revision, guided by questions. Students may choose to submit any or all of the AP Portfolio Exams.

BASIC INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS

2-D ART AND DESIGN 1,2 AP (HP) • 0367, 0368
Grade level: 11–12
Prerequisites: Grade of B or better in two full-year art courses and recommendation of art teacher
Course duration: Two semesters
Graduation credit: Visual and Performing Arts; weighted
UC subject area satisfied: f (visual and performing arts)

COURSE DESCRIPTION
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BASIC INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS

3-D ART AND DESIGN 1,2 AP (HP) • 0369, 0370
Grade level: 11–12
Prerequisites: Grade of B or better in two full-year art courses and recommendation of art teacher
Course duration: Two semesters
Graduation credit: Visual and Performing Arts; weighted
UC subject area satisfied: f (visual and performing arts)

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BASIC INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS

THREE-DIMENSIONAL DESIGN 1,2 (P) • 0491, 0492

Grade level: 10–12
Prerequisites: Art 1,2 or Design in Mixed Media 1,2
Course duration: Two semesters
Graduation credit: Visual and Performing Arts
UC subject area satisfied: f (visual and performing arts)

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course focuses on design in three dimensions, with emphasis of form and space. Students explore sculpture using a variety of materials including clay, wood, wire, plaster, papier-mâché, and simple casting techniques. This course covers comprehensive research into historical and contemporary production of three-dimensional art, as well as its cultural significance and implications in society. Individually, students analyze and select their own artistic work for presentation. Collaboratively, they curate an exhibit based on a theme.

BASIC INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS

Each site selects its own resources from available instructional media.

SDUSD VAPA Core Learnings, 2005, available on-line at: www.sandi.net/staff/visual-and-performing-arts-vapa/visual-arts

VIDEO PRODUCTION 6TH–8TH BEGINNING • 0105

Grade level: 6–8
Prerequisites: None
Course duration: Two semesters

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Site-adopted Course. Approved for Creative, Performing, and Media Arts Middle School (CPMA) and the San Diego School of Creative and Performing Arts (SCPA). Other schools may not offer this course without prior approval from the Interdivisional Curriculum Committee.

This is the first course in a sequential series of courses in video production for the middle-school level. The purpose of this course is to expose students to the art of filmmaking and prepare those who are interested in the subject to continue in the intermediate-level course. Students in this course are introduced to the vocabulary and techniques of the medium and the technological tools it employs. They learn how to shoot basic video, insert music, and use beginning video-editing software to create artistic projects.

BASIC INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS
Each site selects its own resources from available instructional media.

**VIDEO PRODUCTION 6TH–8TH INTERMEDIATE • 0106**

*Grade level:* 6–8  
*Prerequisites:* Video Production 6th–8th Beginning, and/or teacher recommendation  
*Course duration:* Two semesters

**COURSE DESCRIPTION**

*Site-adopted Course.* Approved for Creative, Performing, and Media Arts Middle School (CPMA). Other schools may not offer this course without prior approval from the Interdivisional Curriculum Committee.

This is the second course in a sequential series of video-production courses for the middle-school level. Students in this intermediate-level course build on skills they developed in Video Production 6th–8th Beginning, using more-advanced video-editing software and increasing their ability to use video equipment by exploring lighting, special effects, and sound as elements of production. There is a greater focus on scriptwriting in this course, with an additional emphasis on story structure and the adaptation of literary works.

**BASIC INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS**

Each site selects its own resources from available instructional media.

**VISUAL ARTS HL1 IB 1,2 (P) • 0379, 0380**

*Grade level:* 11–12  
*Prerequisites:* Art 1,2; second course recommended, either Design in Mixed Media 1,2 or Color and Design 1,2  
*Course duration:* Two semesters

**COURSE DESCRIPTION**

*Pilot Course.* Approved for Mission Bay High School as part of its International Baccalaureate (IB) program. This course is not available to other schools.

Visual Arts HL1 represents the first year of a two-year course of study that prepares students for the assessment portion of International Baccalaureate (IB) Visual Arts Higher Level (HL) exam. Class time is split 50-50 between academic investigation and studio work, and students are required to document both portions in an investigation workbook that ties the two together. Students should be able to demonstrate how their critical investigation and exploration of art concepts is related to and/or used to inform their studio work. Students will produce an extensive body of work over the two years of the course, and have a minimum of eight fully finished pieces to present.

This course satisfies the Group 6 (Arts) requirement for the International Baccalaureate diploma.

**BASIC INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS**

Each site selects its own resources from available instructional media.

**VISUAL ARTS HL2 IB 1,2 (HP) • 0383, 0384**

*Grade level:* 11–12  
*Prerequisites:* Visual Arts HL1 IB 1,2  
*Course duration:* Two semesters

**COURSE DESCRIPTION**

*Pilot Course.* Approved for Mission Bay High School as part of its International Baccalaureate (IB) program. This course is not available to other schools.

Visual Arts HL2 represents the second year of a two-year course of study that prepares students for the assessment portion of International Baccalaureate (IB) Visual Arts Higher Level (HL) exam. Students continue to split their time between academic investigation and studio work, using this second year to refine and consolidate their portfolio work and
incorporate ideas from their critical investigations. Students will have a minimum of eight fully finished pieces displaying a high level of complexity ready to present at their final exhibition and exam interview.

This course satisfies the Group 6 (Arts) requirement for the International Baccalaureate diploma.

**Basic Instructional Materials**
Each site selects its own resources from available instructional media.

**Visual Arts SL IB 1,2 (HP) • 0373, 0374**

- **Grade level:** 11–12
- **Prerequisites:** Completion of one of the following: Art 1,2; Design in Mixed Media 1,2; or Color and Design 1,2
- **Course duration:** Two semesters
- **Graduation credit:** Visual and Performing Arts; weighted
- **UC subject area satisfied:** f (visual and performing arts)

**Course Description**

The curriculum for this course is prescribed by the International Baccalaureate Organization and prepares students for the assessment portion of IB Visual Arts Standard Level (SL) exam. Students spend half of their class time studying the principles and elements of design and researching the cultural contexts influencing the art of various groups during different periods of time. The remaining class time is devoted to studio work, with students required to produce eight pieces for their final exhibition and exam interview.

This course satisfies the Group 6 (Arts) requirement for the International Baccalaureate diploma.

**Basic Instructional Materials**
Each site selects its own resources from available instructional media.

**Visual Arts SL 3,4 IB • 0396, 0397**

- **Grade level:** 11–12
- **Prerequisites:** Visual Arts SL IB 1,2 (0373, 0374)
- **Course duration:** Two semesters
- **Graduation credit:** Elective

**Course Description**

Students spend half of their class time studying the principles and elements of design and researching the cultural contexts influencing the art of various groups during different times. The remaining class time is devoted to studio work, with students required to produce 12 pieces for their final exhibition and examination interview.

This course prepares students to take the assessment portion of the IB Visual Arts Standard Level (SL) exam.

**Basic Instructional Materials**
Each site selects its own resources from available instructional media.