

Marking Period	Unit Title	Recommended Instructional Days
1-4	Grades 6-8 Theater	180
<b>Artistic Process:</b>	<b>Anchor Standard:</b> <i>General Knowledge &amp; Skills</i>	<b>Recommended Activities, Investigations,            Interdisciplinary Connections, and/or Student            Experiences to Explore NJSLs-VPA within Unit</b>
Creating Performing Responding Connecting	<p><b>Standard #:</b> Anchor Standard 1  <b>Description:</b> Generating and conceptualizing ideas.</p> <p><b>Standard #:</b> Anchor Standard 2  <b>Description:</b> Organizing and developing ideas</p> <p><b>Standard #:</b> Anchor Standard 3  <b>Description:</b> Refining and completing products.</p> <p><b>Standard #:</b> Anchor Standard 4  <b>Description:</b> Selecting, analyzing, and interpreting work.</p> <p><b>Standard #:</b> Anchor Standard 5  <b>Description:</b> Developing and refining techniques and models or steps needed to create products.</p> <p><b>Standard #:</b> Anchor Standard 6</p>	

	<p><b>Description:</b> Conveying meaning through art.</p> <p><b>Standard #:</b> Anchor Standard 7  <b>Description:</b> Perceiving and analyzing products.</p> <p><b>Standard #:</b> Anchor Standard 8  <b>Description:</b> Interpreting intent and meaning.</p> <p><b>Standard #:</b> Anchor Standard 9  <b>Description:</b> Applying criteria to evaluate products.</p> <p><b>Standard #:</b> Anchor Standard 10  <b>Description:</b> Synthesizing and relating knowledge and personal experiences to create products.</p> <p><b>Standard #:</b> Anchor Standard 11  <b>Description:</b> Relating artistic ideas and works within societal, cultural, and historical contexts to deepen understanding.</p>	
<p><b>Artistic Practice:</b></p>	<p><b>Performance Expectation/s:</b></p>	
<p><b>Creating</b>          Imagine, Envision, Plan,</p>	<p><b>8th</b>          1.4.8.Cr1</p>	<p><b>Activity Description:</b>          Example Learning Activity:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Research the story elements of a staged drama/theatre</li> </ul>

<p>Construct, Evaluate, Clarify, Realize</p> <p><b>Performing</b> Establish, Analyze, Choose, Rehearse, Share</p> <p><b>Responding</b> Examine, Discern, Critique, Interpret</p> <p><b>Connecting</b> Incorporate, Affect, Expand</p>	<p>a. Identify, explore, and imagine multiple solutions and strategies in staging problems in a theatrical work.</p> <p>b. Identify, imagine and practice solving multiple design/technical challenges of a performance space in a theatrical work.</p> <p>c. Explore, describe and develop given circumstances of a scripted or improvised character in a theatrical work.</p> <p><b>8th</b> 1.4.8.Cr2</p> <p>a. Articulate and apply critical analysis, extensive background knowledge, sociohistorical research, and cultural context related to existing or developing original theatrical work.</p> <p>b. Actively contribute ideas and creatively incorporate the ideas of others in existing or original theatrical work demonstrating mutual respect for self and others and their roles sharing leadership and responsibilities in preparing</p>	<p>work about global issues, including change, and discuss how a playwright might have intended a theatrical work to be produced.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Articulate and apply critical analysis, extensive background knowledge, sociohistorical research, and cultural context related to existing or developing original theatrical work.</li><li>● Identify, imagine and practice solving multiple design/technical challenges of a performance space in a theatrical work.</li></ul>
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**8th**

1.4.8.Cr3

a. Demonstrate focus and concentration in the rehearsal process by analyzing and refining choices in a devised or scripted theatre performance.

b. Implement and refine a planned technical design using simple technology during the rehearsal process for devised or scripted theatre work.

c. Develop effective physical and vocal traits of characters in an improvised or scripted theatrical work.

**8th**

1.4.8.Pr4

a. Rehearse a variety of acting techniques to increase skills in a rehearsal or theatrical performance that assist in the development of stronger character choices.

b. Use a variety of technical

	<p>elements to create a design for a rehearsal or theatre production.</p> <p><b>8th</b> 1.4.8.Pr5 a. Examine how character relationships assist in telling the story of devised or scripted theatre work.</p> <p>b. Use various character objectives and tactics in a theatre work to identify the conflict and overcome the obstacle.</p> <p><b>8th</b> 1.4.8.Pr6 a. Perform a rehearsed theatrical work for an audience</p> <p><b>8th</b> 1.4.8.Re7 a. Describe and record personal reactions to artistic choices in a theatrical work.</p> <p>b. Compare recorded personal and peer reactions to artistic choices in a theatrical work.</p> <p><b>8th</b></p>	
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	<p>1.4.8.Re8</p> <p>a. Investigate various critique methodologies and apply the knowledge to respond to a theatrical work.</p> <p>b. Justify the aesthetic choices created through the use of production elements in a theatrical work.</p> <p>c. Assess the impact of a theatrical work on a specific audience.</p> <p><b>8th</b></p> <p>1.4.8.Re9</p> <p>a. Analyze how personal experiences affect artistic choices in a theatrical work.</p> <p>b. Identify and interpret how different cultural perspectives influence the evaluation of theatrical work.</p> <p>c. Examine how the use of personal aesthetics, preferences, and beliefs can be used to discuss a theatrical work.</p>	
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	<p><b>8th</b>                  1.4.8.Cn10                  a. Examine a community issue through multiple perspectives in a theatrical work.</p> <p><b>8th</b>                  1.4.8.Cn11                  a. Research the story elements of a staged drama/theatre work about global issues, including change, and discuss how a playwright might have intended a theatrical work to be produced.</p> <p>b. Identify and examine artifacts from a time period and geographic location to better understand performance and design choices in a theatrical work.</p>	
<p><b>Enduring Understanding/s:</b></p>	<p><b>Essential Question/s:</b></p>	
<p>1. Theatre artists rely on intuition, curiosity, and critical inquiry.</p> <p>2. Theatre artists work to discover different ways of communicating meaning.</p>	<p>1. What happens when theatre artists use their imaginations and/or learned theatre skills while engaging in creative</p>	

<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>3. Theatre artists refine their work and practice their craft through rehearsal.</li><li>4. Theatre artists develop personal processes and skills for a performance or design.</li><li>5. Theatre artists make choices to convey meaning.</li><li>6. Theatre artists, through a shared creative experience with an audience, present stories, ideas, and envisioned worlds to explore the human experience.</li><li>7. Theatre artists reflect to understand the impact of drama processes and theatre experiences.</li><li>8. Theatre artists' interpretations of drama/theatre work are influenced by personal experiences and aesthetics.</li><li>9. Theatre artists apply criteria to investigate,</li></ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>exploration and inquiry?</li><li>2. How, when, and why do theatre artists' choices change?</li><li>3. How do theatre artists transform and edit their initial ideas?</li><li>4. How do theatre artists fully prepare a performance or design?</li><li>5. How do theatre artists use tools and techniques to communicate ideas and feelings?</li><li>6. What happens when theatre artists and audiences share creative experiences?</li><li>7. How do theatre artists comprehend the essence of</li></ol>	
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<p>explore, and assess drama and theatre work.</p> <p>10. Theatre artists allow awareness of interrelationships between self and others to influence and inform their work.</p> <p>11. As theatre is created and experienced, personal experiences and knowledge are synthesized to interpret meaning and analyze the way in which the world may be understood.</p>	<p>drama processes and theatre experiences?</p> <p>8. How can the same work of art communicate different messages to different people?</p> <p>9. How are the theatre artist's processes and the audience's perspectives impacted by analysis and synthesis?</p> <p>10. What happens when theatre artists foster understanding between self and others through critical awareness, social responsibility, and the exploration of empathy?</p>	
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	<p>11. What happens when theatre artists allow an understanding of themselves and the world to inform perceptions about theatre and the purpose of their work?</p>	
<p><b>Social and Emotional Learning:</b>  <i>Competencies</i></p>	<p><b>Social and Emotional Learning:</b>  <i>Sub-Competencies</i></p>	
<p>SEL/Create</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- (1) Generate and conceptualize artistic ideas and work.</li> <li>- (2) Organize and develop artistic ideas and work.</li> <li>- (3) Refine and complete artistic ideas and work.</li> </ul> <p>SEL/Perform</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- (4) Analyze, interpret &amp; select artistic work for Presentation.</li> </ul>	<p>SEL/Create</p> <p>CONSOLIDATED EU (1)        Creative ideas and inspiration can emerge from a variety of sources. Creativity is a life skill that can be developed.</p> <p>CONSOLIDATED EQ (1)        How do artists generate creative ideas?</p> <p>SEL/Create</p> <p>CONSOLIDATED EU (2)        Artists organize and develop creative ideas by balancing what is known with what is new.</p>	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- (5) Develop &amp; refine artistic techniques &amp; work for presentation.</li> <li>- (6) Convey meaning through the presentation of artistic work.</li> </ul> <p>SEL/Respond</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- (7) Perceive and analyze artistic work.</li> <li>- (8) Interpret intent and meaning in artistic work.</li> <li>- (9) Apply criteria to evaluate artistic work.</li> </ul> <p>SEL/Connect</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- (10) Synthesize and relate knowledge and personal experiences to make art.</li> <li>- (11) Relate artistic ideas and works with societal, cultural and historical context to deepen understanding.</li> </ul>	<p>CONSOLIDATED EQ (2)        How do artists make creative decisions?</p> <p>SEL/Create        CONSOLIDATED EU (3)        Refinement of artistic work is an iterative process that takes time, discipline, and collaboration</p> <p>CONSOLIDATED EQ (3)        How do artists use a critique process and reflection to refine a work and decide it's ready to be shared?</p> <p>SEL/Perform        CONSOLIDATED EU (4)        Artists make strong choices to effectively convey meaning through their understanding of context and expressive intent.</p> <p>CONSOLIDATED EQ (4)        How do artists select repertoire?        How does understanding the structure and context of art works inform performance and presentation? How do artists interpret their works?</p>	
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	<p>SEL/Perform CONSOLIDATED EU (5) Artists develop personal processes and skills. To express their ideas, artists analyze, evaluate, &amp; refine their presentation/ performance over time through openness to new ideas, persistence, and the application of appropriate criteria.</p> <p>CONSOLIDATED EQ (5) How do artists improve the quality of their presentation/performance?</p> <p>SEL/Perform CONSOLIDATED EU (6) Artists judge presentation/performance based on criteria that vary across time, place, and cultures. The context and how a work is presented influences the audience response.</p> <p>CONSOLIDATED EQ (6) When is a presentation/performance judged ready to present? How do</p>	
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	<p>context and the manner in which work is presented influence the audiences response?</p> <p>SEL/Respond CONSOLIDATED EU (7) Artists reflect, understand and appreciate the impact of the arts processes and the analysis of the context(s) of the arts and artistic works.</p> <p>CONSOLIDATED EQ (7) How do artists comprehend and process creative experiences in ways that impact one's perception and responses to personal life experiences?</p> <p>SEL/Respond CONSOLIDATED EU (8) The process of interpreting artistic expression can be achieved through analysis, expressive intent, context and personal experiences.</p> <p>CONSOLIDATED EQ (8) How does understanding an artists expressive intent help us comprehend, interpret, and</p>	
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	<p>personally relate to an artistic works.</p> <p>SEL/Respond CONSOLIDATED EU (9) Artists utilize educational and industry standards to analyze/assess and evaluate the performance and interpretation of artistic works.</p> <p>CONSOLIDATED EQ (9) How does understanding the quality, intent, and process of an artist's work impact an audience member? How does an audience member synthesize and receive an artistic work after knowing the creative process that supports the work?</p> <p>SEL/Connect CONSOLIDATED EU (10) Through the arts, personal experiences, ideas, knowledge, and contexts are integrated to make meaning, and synthesized to interpret meaning.</p> <p>CONSOLIDATED EQ (10)</p>	
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	<p>How does engaging in the arts deepen our understanding of ourselves, relate to other knowledge and events around us?</p> <p>SEL/Connect          CONSOLIDATED EU (11)          People develop ideas, expand literacy, and gain perspectives about societal, cultural, historical, and community contexts through their interactions with an analysis of the arts.</p> <p>CONSOLIDATED EQ (11)          What relationships are uncovered when people investigate the cultural, societal, historical, and theoretical aspects of an artistic work; and how does this knowledge connect us to the art around us and enhance literacy in the arts and connection to our communities?</p>	
<p><b>Assessments (Formative)</b>  <i>To show evidence of meeting the standard/s, students will successfully engage within:</i></p>	<p><b>Assessments (Summative)</b>  <i>To show evidence of meeting the standard/s, students will successfully complete:</i></p>	

<p><b>Formative Assessments:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Peer and self feedback in critical response format</li> </ul>		<p><b>Benchmarks:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rubric evaluations</li> <li>Tests/Quizzes</li> </ul> <p><b>Summative Assessments:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Performances/Presentations</li> <li>In-studio showings</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Differentiated Student Access to Content:          Teaching and Learning Resources/Materials</b></p>			
Core Resources	Alternate Core Resources <i>IEP/504/At-Risk/ESL</i>	ELL Core Resources	Gifted & Talented Core Resources
<p>Dewey, J. (1902). <i>The child and the curriculum</i>. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.</p> <p>Eisner, E. (2002). <i>The Educational Imagination 3<sup>rd</sup> ed.</i> Upper Saddle River, NJ: Prentice Hall</p> <p>Flinders, J. &amp; Thornton, S. (2004). <i>The Curriculum Studies Reader</i>. NY: Routledge.</p> <p>Freire, P. (1972). <i>Pedagogy of the oppressed</i>. New York: Herder and Herder.</p> <p>hooks, b., (1994). <i>Teaching to transgress: Education as the practice of freedom</i>.</p> <p>NJCCCS (2020). <i>2020 New Jersey Student Learning Standards for</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Meet with the student’s special education or inclusion teacher prior to initial assessment to learn how to best tailor the format of any classwork, quiz or test to their individual special needs, as well as to discuss whether or not homework is appropriate.</li> <li>Provide access to an individual or classroom aide, when required by the student’s IEP or 504, to improve student focus, comprehension and time on task.</li> <li>Provide access to modified materials as needed to improve accessibility (slant boards, headphones for auditory processing)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Allow access to supplemental materials, including use of online bilingual dictionary.</li> <li>Meet with an ELL trained or inclusion teacher prior to initial assessment to learn how to best tailor the format of any classwork, quiz or test to their individual needs.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Connect students to related talent development opportunities, often offered through area colleges, with the assistance of guidance counselors.</li> </ul>



<p><i>Visual and Performing Arts.</i>  <a href="https://njartsstandards.org/sites/default/files/2020-06/NJ_dance_at_a_glance.pdf">https://njartsstandards.org/sites/default/files/2020-06/NJ_dance_at_a_glance.pdf</a></p> <p>Siperstein, S., Hall, S., LeMenager, S. (2017) <i>Teaching Climate Change in the Humanities</i>. Routledge.</p>	<p>disorders, gym mats for additional cushioning, active/sensory seating pads, helmets and body padding as required by physical therapist, etc.). Many can be borrowed from a student's special education classroom, or the school's Occupational or Physical Therapists.</p>		
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**Supplemental Resources**

**Technology:**

- Assistive technology may be required for students with IEPs and 504s. Access to computers with screen readers, voice recognition software, and talking word processing applications may be beneficial. Some students with limited verbal abilities may require access to assistive communication devices and tablets that can be accessed through the school's speech therapist.

**Other:**

- N/A

**Differentiated Student Access to Content:  
 Recommended Strategies & Techniques**

Core Resources	Alternate Core Resources <i>IEP/504/At-Risk/ESL</i>	ELL Core Resources	Gifted & Talented Core
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Offer resources to students in a variety of ways to accommodate for multiple learning styles.</li> <li>Engage all learners through implementation of various resources including visual, audio, and tactile materials.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Utilize a multi-sensory (Visual, Auditory, Kinesthetic, Tactile) approach as needed during instruction to better engage all learners.</li> <li>Provide alternate presentations of skills and steps required for project</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide extended time to complete classwork and assessments as needed. Assignments and rubrics may need to be modified.</li> <li>Provide access to preferred seating, when requested.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Offer pre-assessments to better understand students' strengths, and create an enhanced set of introductory activities accordingly.</li> <li>Integrate active teaching and learning</li> </ul>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide easy access to course resources so the student can utilize materials within the classroom or at home to reiterate content learned within the course.</li> </ul>	<p>completion by varying the method (repetition, simple explanations, visual step-by-step guides, additional examples, modeling, etc).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Allow additional time to complete classwork as needed, when required according to students' IEP or 504 plan. Break assignments up into shorter tasks while repeating directions as needed. Offer additional individual instruction time as needed.</li> <li>• Modify test content and/or format, allowing students additional time and preferential seating as needed, according to their IEP or 504 plan. Review, restate and repeat directions during any formal or informal assessments.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Check often for understanding, and review as needed, providing oral and visual prompts when necessary.</li> </ul>	<p>opportunities, including grouping gifted students together to push each other academically.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Propose interest-based extension activities and opportunities for extra credit.</li> </ul>
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New Jersey Legislative Statutes and Administrative Code  
 (place an "X" before each law/statute if/when present within the curriculum map)

Amistad Law: <i>N.J.S.A. 18A 52:16A-88</i>	Holocaust Law: <i>N.J.S.A. 18A:35-28</i>	X	LGBT and Disabilities Law: <i>N.J.S.A.</i>	X	Standards in Action: <i>Climate Change</i>	X	Diversity and Inclusion <i>C.18A:35-4.36.A</i>
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<b>Standard 9</b>	
<b>12 Career Ready Practices</b>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CRP1. Act as a responsible and contributing citizen and employee.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CRP2. Apply appropriate academic and technical skills.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CRP3. Attend to personal health and financial well-being.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CRP4. Communicate clearly and effectively and with reason.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CRP5. Consider the environmental, social and economic impacts of decisions.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CRP6. Demonstrate creativity and innovation.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CRP7. Employ valid and reliable research strategies.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CRP8. Utilize critical thinking to make sense of problems and persevere in solving them.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CRP9. Model integrity, ethical leadership and effective management.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CRP10. Plan education and career paths aligned to personal goals.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CRP11. Use technology to enhance productivity.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CRP12. Work productively in teams while using cultural global competence.</p>

Content Area: 21st Century Life and Careers	
Strand C: Career Preparation	
<b>9.2 CAREER AWARENESS, EXPLORATION, AND PREPARATION</b>	
Number:	Standard Statement:
9.2.12.C.1	Review career goals and determine steps necessary for attainment.

9.2.12.C.2	Modify Personalized Student Learning Plans to support declared career goals.
9.2.12.C.3	Identify transferable career skills and design alternate career plans.
9.2.12.C.4	Analyze how economic conditions and societal changes influence employment trends and future education.
9.2.12.C.5	Research career opportunities in the United States and abroad that require knowledge of world languages and diverse cultures.
9.2.12.C.6	Investigate entrepreneurship opportunities as options for career planning and identify the knowledge, skills, abilities, and resources required for owning and managing a business.
9.2.12.C.7	Examine the professional, legal, and ethical responsibilities for both employers and employees in the global workplace.
9.2.12.C.8	Assess the impact of litigation and court decisions on employment laws and practices.
9.2.12.C.9	Analyze the correlation between personal and financial behavior and employability.

### **9.3 CAREER & TECHNICAL EDUCATION (CTE)**

Content Area: Standard 9.3 Career and Technical Education

Strand: Arts, A/V Technology & COmmunications Career Cluster	
Number:	Standard Statement:
9.3.12.AR-PRF.1	Describe the scope of the Performing Arts Career Pathway and the roles of various individuals in it.
9.3.12.AR-PRF.2	Demonstrate the fundamental elements, techniques, principles and processes of various dance styles and traditions.
9.3.12.AR-PRF.3	Perform a varied repertoire of vocal and/or instrumental music representing diverse styles, cultures and historical periods.
9.3.12.AR-PRF.4	Demonstrate knowledge of music theory.
9.3.12.AR-PRF.5	Explain key issues affecting the creation of characters, acting skills and roles.
9.3.12.AR-PRF.6	Create stage, film, television or electronic media scripts in a variety of traditional and current formats.
9.3.12.AR-PRF.7	Describe how technology and technical support enhance performing arts productions.
9.3.12.AR-PRF.8	Analyze all facets of stage and performing arts production management.