Connecting in the Arts

The arts areas of art and design, dance, music, and theatre each have four standards to support building our students’ arts skills and knowledge. Three of these are common to art and design, dance, music, and theatre – create, connect, and respond. The fourth standard of “perform” is common to dance, music, and theatre. For art and design, the fourth standard is “present.” Last month, the standard of “respond” was highlighted by providing four different modules for responding in each arts content area. Check the November 2020 newsletter issue to participate in the interactive modules.

This month we are exploring the standard “connect.” “Connect” in each of the arts content areas means having students relate prior knowledge of and personal experience with that art form to cultural and historical context. Page 2 of this newsletter provides four different modules that showcase several ideas for connecting in each arts area. Visit your content area module listed on the next page to investigate “connect” performance indicators through the activities provided. Consider how the module was created. Each module incorporates the use of several tools to engage participants virtually. I used Audacity, Pear Deck, and Google Slides to create the modules and hope this modeled some options in your work with online resources. On your path to enhance your skills and knowledge, consider attending an Arts Ed PD session. Register online by clicking on this link. Thank you again for your work in arts education.

- Julie Palkowski, PhD, WI DPI Arts and Creativity Education Consultant
Wisconsin Standards – Connect Modules

Visit the module of your arts area to investigate ideas on the standard “connect.” Click on the image to participate in the interactive slides. The modules encourage participants to share ideas by writing, drawing, and sharing. If you have any questions about the modules or have suggestions for future learning tools or topics, please email julie.palkowski@dpi.wi.gov.

More Resources – Connecting in the Arts

This site highlights the collaborative work of poet Maya Angelou and musician Wynton Marsalis. Angelou and Marsalis Collaborate (9 minutes)

Dive into Careers in Art through this quick review of occupations in art and design. (8+ minutes)

This video reviews a historical perspective on how art is used in society. History of Ideas – Art (7+ Minutes)

Learn about a career as a lighting designer in this interview. Lighting Designer Jake Fine Interview (9+ minutes)