

# The *NEW* standards have arrived! Here's why you should pay attention...



In September 2017, the Board of Regents approved the New York State P-12 Learning Standards for the Arts. This culminates a multi-year initiative and launches the year-long effort to familiarize teachers with the standards that will guide curriculum, instruction, and assessment in the arts throughout New York State.

The new standards are now available at: <http://www.p12.nysed.gov/ciai/arts/standards/home.html>

Here are some highlights to help guide you through a first look:

- 4 Artistic Processes (Creating, Performing, Responding, Connecting).
- 11 Anchor Standards.
- 5 achievement levels for performance and high school classes (novice, intermediate, proficient, accomplished and advanced).
- 5 strands include General Music (Pre-K-8), Harmonizing Instruments (5-12), Ensembles, Composition and Theory, and Technology.
- Performance Indicators for each grade/achievement level, across all five strands.
- Includes Enduring Understandings; Essential Questions; Glossary; Implementation Guide, and poster.
- Grade specific (Pre-K – 8).
- Expands high school electives to include performance indicators for Harmonizing Instruments, Composition and Theory, and Technology.
- Designed to develop artistically literate students.
- Written using a method of backward design (*Understanding by Design: Grant & Wiggins, 2005*), and in consideration of 21st Century Skills
- Web-based (You can peruse, download, print, etc., at your convenience.).

The timeline is 2017-18 for rollout and transition, with full implementation in the 2018-19 school year.