### Theatre Grade 8

#### Introduction

In 2014, the Shelby County Schools Board of Education adopted a set of ambitious, yet attainable goals for school and student performance. The District is committed to these goals, as further described in our strategic plan, Destination 2025.

#### By 2025,

- 80% of our students will graduate from high school college or career ready
- 90% of students will graduate on time
- 100% of our students who graduate college or career ready will enroll in a post-secondary opportunity.

In order to achieve these ambitious goals, we must collectively work to provide our students with high-quality, College and Career Ready standards-aligned instruction. Acknowledging the need to develop competence in literacy and language as the foundations for all learning, Shelby County Schools developed the Comprehensive Literacy Improvement Plan (CLIP) and the SCS Curriculum Maps for Arts Education.

Designed with the teacher in mind, the Arts Education (Orff Music, Visual Art, Media Arts, Dance, Instrumental Music, and Vocal Music) curriculum maps focus on teaching and learning in the domains of Perform, Create, Respond, and Connect. This map presents a framework for organizing instruction around the TN State Standards so that every student meets or exceeds requirements for college and career readiness. The standards define what to teach at specific grade levels, and the SCS Arts Education curriculum maps provide guidelines and research-based approaches for implementing instruction to ensure students achieve their highest potentials.

The SCS Arts Education curriculum maps are designed to create artistically/musically literate students by engaging them both individually and collaboratively in creative practices of envisioning, investigating, constructing, and reflecting. To achieve these goals the curriculum maps were developed by expert arts teachers to reflect the conceptual framework of the four artistic processes: present, create, respond, and connect.

#### **How to Use the Arts Education Curriculum Maps**

The SCS Arts Education curriculum maps are designed to help teachers make effective decisions about what content to teach and how to teach it so that, ultimately, our students can reach Destination 2025. Across all arts disciplines, this is generally reflected in the following quarterly framework:

Knowledge and Skills- This column reflects the anchor standards and essential tasks associated with grade level mastery of each discipline.

<u>Activities and Outcomes</u>- Generally phrased similar to "I Can" statements, this portion identifies the specific performance indictors that are expected for students at a given time within the quarters/semester.

<u>Assessments</u>- This section of the quarterly maps focuses on the formative and summative methods of gauging student mastery of the student performance indicators listed in the activities/outcomes section.

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Interdisciplinary Units are available on MCS Webpage

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Resources And Interdisciplinary Connections- In this column, teachers will find rich bodies of instructional resources/materials/links to help students efficiently and effectively learn the content. Additionally, there are significant resources to engage alignment with the Comprehensive Literacy Improvement Plan (CLIP) that are designed to strengthen authentic development of aural/visual literacy in the arts content areas as well as support larger district goals for improvement in literacy.

Throughout this curriculum map, you will see high-quality works of art/music literature that students should be experiencing deeply, as well as some resources and tasks to support you in ensuring that students are able to reach the demands of the standards in your classroom. In addition to the resources embedded in the map, there are some high-leverage resources available for teacher use.

TEXTBOOK: Exploring Theatre, Glencoe

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Knowledge and Skills CLEs/GLEs/SPIs	Content Outline Checks for Understanding	Assessments/Activities	Resources Interdisciplinary Connections
First Nine Weeks	The Teacher will: TTW	The Learner will: TLW	
Examining Historical/Cultural Aspects  CLEs 5.1, 5.2, 8.1, 8.2  SPIs 5.1.2, 5.1.3, 5.2.1, 5.2.2, 5.2.3, 8.2.1, 8.2.2, 8.2.3	Explain how drama depicts life and authentic history/culture Explain how drama influences history and vice versa Explain contributions of dramatic artists/works Explain the importance of style, theme, and dramatic elements  Checks for Understanding Formative: 5.2, 8.1, 8.2 Summative: 5.2, 8.1, 8.2	Critique selected historical dramatic works explaining the use of dramatic elements, style, theme, interactions of characters, influences of drama on history/history on drama, and capturing life through drama  Read, at least, two classical theatrical works discussing artist's contributions to theatre	pp. 1, 20, 27, 138, 140, 173, 231, 295, 316, 336, 354, Guest Actors  Interdisciplinary Connections:  Language Arts: dramatic literary elements are similar to all literary structures  Social Studies: themes, styles, and historical characters depict history and culture
Critiquing Process  CLEs 1.2, 1.4, 1.6, 5.2, 7.1  SPIs 1.4.1, 1.4.2, 1.4.3, 1.6.1,1.6.2, 1.2, 7.1.2	Discuss the components/elements of drama (discussion) Discuss the importance of making knowledge-based decisions Discuss personal preferences in reference to drama (aesthetic decisions) Use theatre language when interpreting/assessing drama Explain criteria to make personal decisions about the artistic merit of dramatic works (judgment about quality)  Checks for Understanding: Formative: 1.2, 5.2, 7.1 Summative: 7.1	Read textbook selections and discuss drama elements  Critique selected works making knowledge-based decisions and explain one's interpretations using appropriate theatre language  Express personal preferences and decisions about quality/artistic merit of the pieces	pp. 45-48, 226, 238, 240-244
	PRODUCING AND PERFORMING		

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Demonstrate an Understanding of Creative Drama CLEs 1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 1.4, 1.5, 1.6, 2.1, 2.2, 2.3, 2.4, 2.5, 2.6, 7.1 SPIs 1.1.1, 1.1.2, 1.1.3, 1.2.1, 1.3.3, 1.4.2, 1.4.3, 1.5.1, 1.5.2, 1.5.3, 1.6.1, 1.6.2, 1.6.3, 2.1.1, 2.1.2, 2.2.1, 2.2.2, 2.2.3, 2.4.1, 2.4.2, 2.4.3, 7.1.2	Explain, and justify the motivations and actions of a character by combining dialogue with action  Demonstrate various acting skills (e.g., memory and sensory recall, concentration, and motivation) to create believable characters  Analyze ways that characters use different tactics to accomplish their objectives  Evaluate student improvisation to improve their character or scene quality for replaying the scene  Checks for Understanding  Formative: 1.1, 1.3, 1.4, 1.5, 1.6, 2.1, 2.2, 2.4, 2.5, 2.6, 7.1  Summative: 2.2, 2.3, 7.1	As a team, create a one-act play with appropriate dialogue, plot with rising/falling action, and various acting skills to create believable characters. Present the one-act play to the class for assessment Analyze class assessments and different tactics for accomplishing characterization  Replay the scene to determine self-improvement	pp. 122-130, 155-188, 186-297 Guest Actors from community theatre to present to the class
Demonstrate an Understanding of Improvisation  CLEs 2.1, 2.2, 2.3, 2.4, 2.5, 2.6, 7.1  SPIs 1.2.1, 1.2.2, 1.2.3, 2.1.1, 2.1.2, 2.2.1, 2.2.2, 2.2.3, 2.5.1, 2.5.2, 2.5.3, 2.6.1, 2.6.2, 2.6.3, 7.1.1, 7.1.2, 7.1.3	Explain the necessity of using everyday observations to create characters and situations  Demonstrate emotions based on a conflict (e.g., late for your curfew)  Instruct the creation of dialogue and action in improvisation and confrontational scenes  Guide in the creation of a two person improvisation based on at least two of the following: character (who you are?), setting (where you are?), and action (what are you doing?)  Checks for Understanding  Formative: 2.1, 2.2, 2.3, 2.4, 2.5, 2.6, 7.1  Summative: 2.1, 2.2, 2.3, 2.4, 2.5, 2.6, 7.1	Using personal observations and emotions, participate in Theatre Games creating believable characters and situations  Present a single role improvisation using acting skills depicting emotional conflict  Present an improvisation of duet acting/actions which demonstrate to the audience characters, settings, and activities	pp. 107-119, 124, 125, 128-130 Fairy Tales Interdisciplinary Connections: Language Arts: improvisations, oral interpretations, and verbal communication skills reinforce understanding of those in language arts
Demonstrate an Understanding of Reader's Theatre	Read and create scripts with students reinforcing concepts related to other subject areas  Use all types of literature: plays, short stories, poems, letters, novels, essays, diaries, newspaper columns, and comic strips in choosing	Read stories/scenes/plays from a variety of sources relating to various subject areas (language arts/history/math) Using personal preference, create an adaptation in a	pp. 329-344

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CLEs 2.1, 2.2, 2.3, 2.4, 2.6  SPIs 2.1.1, 2.1.3, 2.2.1, 2.2.2, 2.2.3, 2.4.1, 2.4.2, 2.4.3, 2.6.2, 2.6.3	materials for Reader's Theatre  Demonstrate the ability to prepare the script for reading by adapting the literary piece  Characterize the script in order to divide the selection into characters easily understood by the audience  Demonstrate efforts to interpret characters and communicate meaning through voice (volume, pitch, stress and juncture), facial expression and hand gestures	Reader's Theatre script with believable characters and actions  Present the Reader's Theatre to the class for assessment (this can be done as a team)  Present an oral interpretation of selected poems, informal/persuasive/special occasion speeches, or dramatic works utilizing characterization, body movement, and voice to convey the message	
	Checks for Understanding Formative: 2.2, 2.3, 2.4, Summative: 2.2, 2.3, 2.4		
Demonstrate an Understanding of Artistic Discipline  CLEs 1.4., 6.2	Explain collaborating with others to create drama Guide in the appropriate respect for the safety and maintenance of the workspace Discuss social discipline in dramatic activities Outline standards for good audience behavior Instruct the striking and clean up of production materials in the	Produce journal entries which include essential acting skills, theatrical safety issues, and audience standards for behavior  Respectively collaborate with a team to perform a drama while demonstrating good social discipline and audience behavior	pp. 225-238  Interdisciplinary Connections:  The Arts: Interdisciplinary aspects and design elements/ principles are universal in all creative endeavors
SPIs 1.4.1, 6.2.1, 6.2.2, 6.2.3	conclusion of a production Checks for Understanding Formative: 1.4, 6.2 Summative: 6.2	Manage safety while maintaining the workspace Strike and clean up of production materials upon completion of performance run	
Demonstrate an Understanding of Characterization CLEs 2.1, 2.2, 2.3, 2.4, 2.5, 2.6, 7.1	Demonstrate the creation and sustainability of a believable character throughout a scripted or improvised scene  Direct the decisions and justification of choices on the selection and use of properties and costumes to support character dimensions  Discuss using recall of emotional experience as well as observation of the external world to illustrate character behavior	Participate in Theatre Games to create and sustain believable characters  Participate in improvisation activities using personal observations of environment and emotions to illustrate character behavior  Through written and oral critiquing, share their	pp. 124-130, 134, 144-147, 184- 187, 200-205, 240, 286-297  Interdisciplinary Connections:  Language Arts: dramatic elements and structure echo those in all
SPIs 2.1.1, 2.1.2, 2.1.3, 2.2.1, 2.2.2, 2.2.3, 2.3.1, 2.3.2, 2.3.3, 2.4.1,	Describe and analyze, in written and oral form, characters' wants, needs, objectives, and personality characteristics  Checks for Understanding	characterization analysis with the presenter After choosing a character from a one act play, write a description/ explanation of the character including	literary works Social Studies: themes, stories and characters depict real life,

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2.4.2, 2.4.3, 2.5.1, 2.5.2, 2.6.2, 2.6.3, 7.1.1, 7.1.2, 7.1.3	Formative: 2.1, 2.2, 2.3,2.4, 2.5, 2.6 Summative: 2.1, 2.2, 2.3,2.4, 2.5, 2.6, 7.1	the selection of character props and costumes to orally present to the class	history and culture  Interdisciplinary Unit: The Power of Artistic Expression, Communicating Non Violence,Lesson 1, p. 8 http://www.mcsk12.net/aoti/ci/art/dos/units/06_07SecPowerofArtisticExpress307B.pdf
Demonstrate an Understanding of Voice and Diction	Guide vocal acting skills such as breath control, diction, projection, inflection, rhythm, and pace to develop characterizations that suggest artistic choices	Participate in drills/exercises/speeches to develop and improve vocal skills  Record/listen/critique a monologue discussing the use	pp. 82-106, 138
CLE 2.2, 2.4, 2.6	Manage, influence, and improve an actor's voice quality, pitch, flexibility, inflection, rhythm, and breath control through the instruction of drills, exercises, and activities	of proper demonstration of vocal techniques	
SPIs 2.2.2, 2.2.3, 2.6.2, 2.6.3	Checks for Understanding Formative: 2.2, 2.4, Summative: 2.2		
Demonstrate an Understanding of Physical Movement	Explain the use of physical acting skills such as body alignment, control of isolated body parts, and rhythms to develop characterizations that suggest artistic choices	Participate in Theatre Games and exercises which illustrate an understanding of the physical characteristics of acting	pp. 36-38, 121-125, 134, 144, 147, 157-163
	Direct and encourage the actor to perform as a productive and responsible member of an acting ensemble (i.e., demonstrate personal responsibility and commitment to a collaborative process) in rehearsal and performance situations  Demonstrate the use of basic body positions in relation to the	Demonstrate commitment and responsibility while acting in an ensemble performance Use body positioning in relationship to the audience and performance space ( See Teacher instructions	
Demonstrate an Understanding of Physical Movement	audience and performance space	provided in book)	
(continue)	Guide the actor's performance in the choreography of stage movement and combat, including stage business of a physical nature (i.e., slapping, falling, tripping, etc.)	Practice with a partner elements of physical stage movement	Interdisciplinary Connections: Science: body and voice functions in dramatics depicts
CLEs 2.4, 2.6			understanding of life science

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SPIs 2.2.2, 2.2.3, 2.4.1, 2.4.3, 2.6.2, 2.6.3	Checks for Understanding Formative: 2.4, 2.6 Summative: 2.4, 2.6		
Demonstrate an Understanding of Artistic Discipline  CLEs 7.1, 7.2  SPIs 7.1.1, 7.1.2, 7.1.3, 7.2.1, 7.2.2, 7.2.3	Use appropriate theatre arts vocabulary, giving constructive and objective criticism of class performances  Direct incorporation of constructive criticism in subsequent work  Examine and analyze scripts, and respond in oral, written, or visual form  Instruct in the use of oral or written responses regarding directing, acting, and artistic presentation after viewing, analyzing and interpreting live theatre.  Instruct in the evaluation of strengths and weaknesses of students own work  Checks for Understanding  Formative: 7.1, 7.2  Summative: 7.1	Perform in acting ensembles, critiquing class performances, and evaluating strengths/weaknesses of one's own work incorporating constructive criticism to improve acting skills  Read selected scripts and analyze the scripts demonstrating ability to critique dramatic works  View a live theatrical performance Write critique and orally share with class one's interpretation of the work  Write journal entries evaluating one's own work	pp. 177, 226, 230-234, 238-244, 375-426
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Examining Historical/Cultural Aspects  CLEs 5.1, 5.2, 7.1, 8.1, 8.2  SPIs 5.1.2, 5.1.3, 5.2.2, 5.2.3, 7.1.2, 7.1.3, 8.1.1, 8.1.3, 8.2.1, 8.2.2, 8.2.3	Explain how drama depicts life and authentic history/culture Explain how drama influences history and vice versa Explain contributions of dramatic artists/works Explain the importance of style, theme, and dramatic elements  Checks for Understanding Formative: 5.1, 5.2, 8.1, 8.2 Summative: 5.1, 5.2, 7.1, 8.2	Critique samples of dramatic literature discussing historical/cultural aspects and contributions of dramatic artists and their works in society (including influences and depiction of life) Critique samples of play scripts explaining the use of style, literary elements, and marking techniques	pp. 1, 20, 27, 138, 140, 173, 231, 295, 316, 336, 354,  Interdisciplinary Connections:  Language Arts: writing scripts demonstrates basic writing in Language Arts
Critiquing Process  CLEs 5.1, 5.2  SPIs 5.1.2, 5.1.3, 5.2.2, 5.2.3	Discuss the components/elements of drama (discussion) Discuss making knowledge-based decisions Discuss personal preferences about drama (aesthetic decisions) Use theatre language when interpreting/assessing drama Explain the criteria in making personal decisions about the artistic merit of dramatic works (judgment about quality)  Checks for Understanding Formative: 5.1, 5.2 Summative: 5.1, 5.2	Read textbook selections and discuss the components of artistic dramatic works  Use knowledge-based decisions to critique a variety of scripts explaining the interpretations with appropriate theatre language  Express personal preferences about quality/artistic merit of the dramatic work	pp. 45-48, 226, 238, 240-244
	PRODUCING AND PERFORMING STRUCTURING THE DRAMA		
Demonstrate an	Explain spectacle (the visible part of a play)	As a team activity, create original scripts for scenes/	pp. 137-140

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Understanding of the Key Elements of a Play CLEs 1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 1.4, 1.6	Explain sound (the audible part of a play) Use diction (language) Demonstrate character (person in a play) Demonstrate reasoning (emotions and speech essentials) Explain plot (action and events)	plays explaining to the class the spectacle, emotions, timing, dialogue, and plot Perform the scenes using diction and believable characters which move the plot to a conclusion	
SPIs 1.3.2, 1.4.1, 1.4.2, 1.4.3, 1.5.2, 1.6.1, 1.6.2	Checks for Understanding Formative: 1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 1.4, 1.6 Summative: 1.1, 1.4, 1.6		
Demonstrate an Understanding of Plot Structure	Demonstrate understanding of literary characteristics of dramatic script, including elements of dramatic structure, conventions and format used in writing material for the stage such as comedy and tragedy	Read plays and stories to develop an understanding of plot, characterization, themes, historical periods, and culture	pp. 75, 78, 131, 132
CLEs 1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 1.4, 1.6, 5.1, 5.2, 5.3	Examine and read plays/ stories from a variety of cultures and historical periods and identify the characters, setting, plot, theme, and conflict	Improvise characters using dialogue and actions to illustrate story development and resolution of conflict	
SPIs 1.4.1, 1.4.2, 1.4.3, 5.1.1, 5.1.4, 5.2.3, 5.3.1, 5.3.4	Discuss and show development and resolution of conflict by improvising characters, dialogue, and actions Instruct in the use of the correct form and structure to write a series of dramatic scenes or play	As a team member, write scenes or a one act play using correct scripting form and structure	
	Checks for Understanding Formative: 1.1, 1.2, 5.1, 5.2, 5.3 Summative: 1.1, 1.2, 5.2		
Demonstrate an Understanding of Stagecraft CLEs	Explain the components, functions, and relationships of theatre management, including box office, publicity, marketing, house, tickets, and concessions  Guide in the selection and creation of scenery, properties, lighting,	Discuss the components of all aspects in a stage performance  Design for specific scene/play including lighting, properties, costuming, and make up	pp. 77,170-188, 192-223 Graphing paper Art Curriculum
3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.4, 3.5, 4.5	and sound to signify environments, and costumes and makeup to suggest character		Staging Area Audience

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SPIs 3.1.1, 3.1.2, 3.1.3, 3.2.2, 3.2.3, 3.3.1. 3.4.2, 3.5.1, 3.5.2	Produce renderings, floor plans, and or build models of sets for a dramatic work and explain choices in using visual elements (line, shape/form, texture, color, and space) and visual principles (unity, emphasis, variety, harmony, contrast, balance, and rhythm)  Use appropriate vocabulary to describe kinds of stage spaces (e.g., proscenium, thrust, arena) stage direction, areas of the stage (e.g., upstage, downstage, stage right, stage left) and basic blocking techniques	Explain choices and elements used in the floor plan or model  Describe to a partner kinds of stage spaces, stage directions, blocking techniques, theatre management of box office, marketing, tickets, and concessions	Interdisciplinary Connections:  Visual Art: set design, costume design, and makeup require understanding of visual arts
	Checks for Understanding Formative: 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.5, 4.5 Summative: 3.1		
Demonstrate an Understanding of the Rehearsal Process	Explain the role of director, auditions, casting, and rehearsals  Explain and discuss the rules and responsibilities of the stage cast, crew, and management	Read textbook selections, discuss the role and responsibilities of director, cast, crew, and management, the audition process, casting and rehearsing a play	pp. 199-219 Interdisciplinary Connections: Math: set design, costuming, and
CLEs 4.1, 4.2, 4.3, 4.4	Explain the necessity of the ability to cooperate with the director in formal and informal settings  Discuss the purpose of the rehearsal process as a means of refining and revising work leading to a finished performance  Guide in a variety of dramatic works through rehearsing and performing to be shown for peers or invited audiences	Cooperate with the director while being engaged in rehearsals for refining performances. Present final productions of staged drama before an audience Self-assess performance.	layouts of sound and lighting demonstrate understanding of math calculations
SPIs 4.1.1, 4.1.2, 4.2.1, 4.2.2, 4.2.3, 4.3.1, 4.3.3, 4.4.3, 4.5.3	Checks for Understanding Formative: 4.1, 4.2, 4.3, 4.4 Summative: 4.1, 4.3		
Demonstrate an Understanding of Artistic Discipline CLEs	Develop and use criteria for evaluating dramatic presentation  Lead in the development of performances by revising and refining work based on feedback collected through a variety of tools such as rehearsal, notes, video/audio tape, and scoring rubric	Discuss the importance, types, and dramatic elements needed for evaluation  Through textbook illustrations and discussions, develop critiquing tools for assessing dramatic	pp. 177, 226, 230-234, 240-244

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7.1, 7.2		presentations suggesting improvements to original scripts/actions/performances	
SPIs	Checks for Understanding		
7.1.1, 7.1.2, 7.1.3, 7.2.3	Formative: 7.1		
	Summative: 7.1		
Demonstrate an Understanding of Technical	Direct the comparison of two electronic media presentations to live performances	Compare/contrast two media presentations to live performances	pp. 192-221, 235, 236 242-244, 247
Theatre	Analyze and critique student work through the use of videotaping	Film, critique, and edit performance drama	,
CLEs 7.1, 7.2	Instruct and use the video camera equipment to film and edit dramatic scenes	Peer critique and self-assess performance after digitally recording it	Interdisciplinary Connections: TC: careers in film and editing
SPIs	Explain the significance of a wide range of occupations and careers associated with productions	Read textbook selections and discuss careers related to live performances and technical theatre	10. Careers III IIIIII and editing
7.1.2, 7.2.1, 7.2.2,	Checks for Understanding		
	Formative: 7.1, 7.2		
	Summative: 7.1, 7.2		