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### 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. Designed with the teacher in mind, the Performing Arts Education Curriculum Maps focus on teaching and learning correspond to the 2018 Tennessee Department of Education Revised Standards for Arts Education.

A high quality arts education is essential to the social, emotional, and intellectual growth of every student. Therefore, SCS will provide a broad range of innovative, inspiring, and relevant arts education offerings so <u>all students</u> learn to express their unique voice and shape a thriving Memphis/Shelby County community. Shelby County Schools will foster collaboration, creativity, and self-expression through equitable, high quality, and sequential K-12 arts experiences, empowering all young people to strive for artistic and scholastic excellence. 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: perform, create, respond, and connect.

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### **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 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 indicators 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.

<u>Resources And Interdisciplinary Connections</u>- 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.

2018 Revised TDOE Standards for Theatre

DOMAIN: Perform

Foundation P1

Select, analyze, and interpret artistic work for performance.

A. Describe the underlying thoughts and emotions that create dialogue and action in a theatrical work.

B. Demonstrate physical choices which help create meaning in a theatrical work.

### Foundation P2

Develop and refine artistic techniques and work for performance.

A. Participate in a variety of acting exercises and techniques that can be applied in a rehearsal or theatrical work.

B. Choose multiple technical elements that can be applied to a design in a theatrical work.

### Foundation P3

Express meaning through the performance of artistic work.

A. Incorporate voice, movement, and gestures to communicate emotions in a guided theatrical experience (e.g., process drama, story drama, creative drama, etc.).

#### DOMAIN: Create

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### Foundation Cr1

Generate and conceptualize artistic ideas and work.

- A. Identify solutions to staging challenges in a theatrical work.
- B. Identify solutions to design challenges in a theatrical work.
- C. Explore a scripted or improvised character by imagining possible given circumstances in a theatrical work.

### Foundation Cr2

Organize and develop artistic ideas and work.

- A. Analyze original ideas and artistic choices, and incorporate the ideas of others to improve, refine, and edit a devised or scripted theatrical work.
- B. Demonstrate appropriate theatre etiquette during a theatrical work.

Foundation Cr3

### Foundation Cr3

Refine and complete artistic work.

- A. Discuss and identify artistic choices in order to refine a devised or scripted theatrical work.
- B. Identify the elements of a planned technical design during the rehearsal process for a devised or scripted theatrical work (e.g., lighting, sound, scenery, props, costumes, makeup, etc.).
- C. Explore various physical and vocal techniques for character development in an improvised or scripted theatrical work.

### DOMAIN: Respond

Foundation R1

Perceive and analyze artistic work.

A. Describe and record personal reactions to artistic choices in a theatrical work.

Foundation R2

### Foundation R2

Interpret intent and meaning in artistic work.

- A. Make personal character choices based on other artists' ideas and/or personal experiences in a theatrical work.
- B. Identify multiple cultural perspectives that may influence a theatrical work.
- C. Identify and discuss personal aesthetics, preferences, and beliefs through participation in or observation of theatrical work.

### Foundation R3

Apply criteria to evaluate artistic work.

- A. Use supporting evidence and artistic criteria to evaluate a theatrical work.
- B. Use knowledge of multiple production elements to assess aesthetic choices in a theatrical work.
- C. Identify and evaluate issues and situations in a theatrical work from an audience member's perspective.

DOMAIN: Connect Foundation Cn1

Synthesize and relate knowledge and personal experiences to artistic endeavors.

This guide provides resources and strategies for expectations towards State Standards. Autonomy to exceed pacing and content is assumed provided student performance indicators are met.

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- A. Explain how the actions and motivations of characters in a theatrical work may impact a community or culture's understanding.
- B. Identify universal themes or common social issues, and express them through a theatrical work.

### Foundation Cn2

Relate artistic ideas and works with societal, cultural, and historical text.

- A. Analyze two different versions of the same theatrical work to determine differences and similarities in each story.
- B. Investigate the time period and place of a theatrical work to understand performance and design choices.



Knowledge and Skills	Activities/Outcomes	Assessments	Resources
Concept from Pacing Guide (no verbs) State Student Performance Indicators	Measurable Verb paired with student activities and products.	Measured demonstration of student activity/outcome quality.	Books, websites, articles

#### **QUARTER 1**

#### **PERFORM**

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### Foundation P3

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A. Incorporate voice, movement, and gestures to communicate emotions in a guided theatrical experience (e.g., process drama, story drama, creative drama, etc.).

Creative Drama	Demonstrate mirroring another person's body Demonstrate physical characteristics of a person, animal, or thing Perform in a manner of a described character Demonstrate physical acting skills such as body alignment, isolation, rhythm, and character development	Participate in theatre games demonstrating mirroring and character portrayals of people/animals and objects.  Demonstrate physical acting skills through role play of a described character from favorite children stories, i.e., Little Red Riding Hood, Three Little Pigs, Snow White.	Exploring Theatre: pp. 39 – 41, 50 - 64, 123 – 130, 160-165, 269-271
Dramatic Interpretation	Create, rehearse, and perform a believable character in a scripted or improvisational scene Describe and analyze in written and oral form a character's wants, needs, and personality characteristics	Participate in theatre games creating and sustaining believable characters through improvisation  Using selected theatre works, describe a character including wants, needs, and personality	Exploring Theatre: pp. 117, 118, 123-124, 131-135, 143, 173, 287-312
Pantomime	Create physical, emotional, and social dimensions using pantomime techniques to create the illusion of concrete objects as well as characters and scenes  Model pantomime of literary selections such as fairy tales, poetry, skits, or stories  Create a story pantomiming specific actions while using the body to express ideas, emotions, and characters with a beginning, middle, and end	Participate in theatre games using techniques to create pantomimes illustrating characters and scenes/animals/concrete objects  Pantomime/mime literary selections using the body to express ideas, emotions, character, and plot	Exploring Theatre : pp. 67 – 78, 269-279

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Knowledge and Skills	Activities/Outcomes	Assessments	Resources
Storytelling	Prepare and tell a personal story  Discuss how everyone has personal stories  Model effective storytelling techniques	Participate in a round robin storytelling exercise  Demonstrate listening and speaking skills	Exploring Theatre: pp. 70, 75-78, 315-328
		Participate in theatre games demonstrating storytelling techniques  Discuss that everyone has personal stories to tell	
		Perform and share stories relating to personal history	

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Puppetry, Shadow Play, and Masks	Identify and explain differences among the five basic puppet types	Read textbook selections explaining the differences in puppet types	Exploring Theatre: pp. 347-372 Ready-To-Tell Tales by David Holt and Bill
	Explain the use of imagination to design and create an original puppet	Develop a script for a puppet show performance	Mooney: A multicultural collection of traditional tales contributed by more than forty of
	Dramatize a puppet character	Create an original puppet character to present	America's most experienced storytellers, with tips for telling the stories.
	Model various puppet voices	in a puppet show performance	tips for telling the stories.
	Explain and illustrate ways to develop a puppet script with original dialogue	Create and use a "puppet voice" during the performance	

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Instructional Map	6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Theatre
Model the performance of a shadow character Use movement to project characterization Produce characterization and improvisation while wearing an original mask Use movement to communicate attitudes, feelings, and moods while wearing a mask	Demonstrate a shadow character using movement for characterization  While wearing an original mask, perform a scene from a specific story, communicating attitudes/feelings through movement

#### RESPOND

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Critiquing Process	Discuss the components of drama (discussion) Use factual information/make knowledge- based decisions (analysis) Explain feelings, ideas, and personal preferences/make aesthetic interpretations Make and share personal decisions about the artistic merit of the various aspects of theatre, i.e., dramatic literature, character portrayal, technical aspects Use theatre language when interpreting/assessing drama	Class discussion and written journal entries on the components of drama  Analyze and use appropriate theatre language to critique selected dramatic works making personal and aesthetic interpretations about various aspects of theatre	Exploring Theatre: pp. 45-48, 226, 238, 240-244

### CONNECT

#### Foundation Cn1

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### Foundation Cn2

Relate artistic ideas and works with societal, cultural, and historical text.

- A. Analyze two different versions of the same theatrical work to determine differences and similarities in each story.
- B. Investigate the time period and place of a theatrical work to understand performance and design choices.

Theatre and Society	Explain how drama depicts life and authentic history/culture Explain how drama influences social changes Explain how history and culture influence drama Explain how the works of exemplary artists/dramatic writers throughout time can enhance education today Explain how style, theme, and dramatic elements vary	Critique of selected dramatic works explaining variations in the use of dramatic elements, style, theme, and the influence/interrelations of theatre artists on history/life/social changes Read textbook selections and write a report on play elements	Exploring Theatre: pp. 1, 20, 27, 138, 140, 173, 231, 295, 316, 336, 354,
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Instru	ctional Map	6 <sup>th</sup> Grade	e Theatre
Artistic Discipline	Explain the concept of ensemble  Show appropriate respect for the safety and maintenance of the work space and tools  Model social discipline in dramatic activities  Model good audience behavior	Read textbook selections on proper audience etiquette  Present a collaborative drama work demonstrating cooperation, safety, and maintenance of work space/tools  Demonstrate good audience behavior while watching class performances	Exploring Theatre: pp. 42 – 43, 177, 226, 230-234
QUARTER 2			
PERFORM			



Knowledge and Skills	Activities/Outcomes	Assessments	Resources
Characterization	Perform a character based on scripted material or improvisation using props, costumes, and imagery	Participate in theatre games creating believable characters experimenting with physical and vocal skills	Exploring Theatre: pp. 120 – 130, 134, 144- 147
	Model the performance of a character using physical movement, sound/speech, and facial expression ldentify and clearly describe characters, their relationships, and environments from selected scripts	With a partner, portray a character in a duet scene using body movement, facial expression, speech, props, costumes, and imagery.  Memorize and perform lines from a scripted scene.  Listen, observe, and respond in character to other actors	
Voice and Diction	Demonstrate understanding of the function and importance of relaxation and breathing techniques  Demonstrate diction and voice control techniques	Participate in classroom breathing/relaxation/voice and diction exercises/activities learning the correct techniques Use the techniques to give an informal or persuasive speech Create an oral interpretation of a dramatic passage utilizing breathing/speaking techniques	Exploring Theatre: pp. 82-106, 138
Physicality	Demonstrate physical acting skills such as body alignment, isolation, control of body parts, and rhythms to develop characterization	Perform character portrayals in theatre games illustrating body alignment/control and rhythm	Exploring Theatre: pp. 50 – 64, 84 – 87, 134, 144-147
CREATE			
Staging a Play	Model the use stage terminology for blocking and stage directions  Explain how costumes, props, and make-up enhance a stage production	Write, stage, rehearse, and perform a short scene  Design and/or choose the appropriate costumes, props, and make-up for the scene	Exploring Theatre: pp. 68-69, 154-166, 190- 205, 254
RESPOND			

Knowledge and Skills	Activities/Outcomes	Assessments	Resources
Critiquing Process	Discuss the components of characterization (discussion)  Use factual information/produce knowledge-based decisions (analysis)  Explain feelings, ideas, and personal preferences/make aesthetic interpretations  Make personal decisions about the artistic merit of various characters in dramatic works  Use theatre language when interpreting/assessing characterization	Read textbook selections to understand and discuss the process of creating characterization  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	Exploring Theatre: pp. 45-48, 226, 238, 240-244
Authentic Evaluation/Artistic Discipline	Discuss constructive criticism  Model giving feedback using constructive criticism	Watch a performance and offer feedback using constructive criticism  Create a scene in which the characters do not use constructive criticism  Discuss the impact of the characters not using constructive criticism	Exploring Theatre: pp. 42 – 48, 177, 226, 230- 244
Evaluation Process Utilizing Digital Video Recording	Demonstrate the meaningful integration of visual and performing art concepts and skills	Participate in a group performance of a play structured from a children's story demonstrating visual and performing skills Record the production and evaluate the performances	Exploring Theatre: pp. 234-238, 242-244
CONNECT			

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Key Elements of a Play	Demonstrate spectacle (the visible part of a play)  Demonstrate sound (the audible part of a play)  Demonstrate diction (language)  Demonstrate character (person in a play)  Demonstrate reasoning (emotions and speech essentials)  Create plot (action and events)	Read specific textbook selections to understand the application of play elements in dramatic works  Participate in a group analysis of a play to identify key elements  Create and perform in a short skit demonstrating the understanding of play elements	Exploring Theatre: pp. 76, 77, 88, 137 - 140, 213, 214, 235, 240, 324

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Plot Structure	Demonstrate understanding of the dramatic structure of a play including plot, exposition, conflict, climax, theme, acts, scenes,	Read historical plays discussing dramatic and writing structure, as well as character relationships	pp. 75-78 pp. 41, 122, 131-134, 144-147, 180-181, 377- 426
	antagonist, and protagonist  Explain character relationships in selected scenes	Create a flip story book/story board illustrating story progression, answering the 5 Ws in story design, and demonstrating character development	
		Develop a story using the 5 Ws (ideas: Language story or character, historical event, person)	
		Identify set characters, plot, themes, and conflicts by reading plays from variety of cultures and history  Write and perform a monologue	