



BIG IDEAS

Photography is a unique art form that captures images for a variety of purposes.

Photography is an essential element of culture and reveals insights into the human experience.

Refining photographic expression requires perseverance, resilience, and risk taking.

Purposeful artistic choices by the photographer enhance the impact of a photograph.

Photography provides **aesthetic experiences** that have the power to effect change.

Learning Standards

Curricular Competencies	Content
<p><i>Students are expected to be able to do the following:</i></p> <p>Explore and create</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Create photographic works using sensory inspiration, imagination, and inquiryExamine a range of photographic possibilities and cross-cultural perspectivesTake creative risks to express meaning, intent, and emotion through photographyIntentionally select and combine materials, processes, and image-making technologies to convey ideas and justify choicesCreate innovative photographic images for a specific audienceRefine photographic skills and techniques related to various styles and genresDemonstrate innovation in creating photographic images and resolving creative challenges <p>Reason and reflect</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Recognize and engage in the reciprocal process of a critiqueInterpret and evaluate, using discipline-specific language, how photographers use materials, technologies, processes, and environments in art makingAnalyze and apply design choices in photographyReflect on personal answers to aesthetic questions	<p><i>Students are expected to know the following:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">elements of visual artprinciples of compositionimage development strategies in photographyphotographic materials, techniques, processes, and image-making technologies, used in one or more types of photography:<ul style="list-style-type: none">— digital photography— darkroom photography— alternative photographic processesphotographic chemistry (for film) or alternative chemical processescreative processesbehaviours of lightprinciples of lightways of sensing light:<ul style="list-style-type: none">— optical instruments— parts and functions of cameras and accessoriesroles of and relationships between photographer and viewer



Learning Standards (continued)

Curricular Competencies	Content
<p>Communicate and document</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Document, share, and appreciate photographic images in a variety of contexts• Demonstrate respect for self, others, and place through photography• Investigate ways to respond to social and environmental issues through photography <p>Connect and expand</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Create photographs that reflect personal, cultural, social, environmental, and historical contexts• Explore First Peoples perspectives, knowledge, and protocols; other ways of knowing, and local cultural knowledge through photography• Examine the reciprocal relationships between photography, culture, and society• Evaluate personal, educational, and professional opportunities in photography and related fields• Engage in digital citizenship throughout the photographic process• Connect with others on a local, national, and global scale through photography• Demonstrate safe and responsible use of materials equipment, and work space	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• symbols and metaphors in photography• influences of visual culture in social and other media• innovative photographers from various historical, social, and cultural contexts• history of photography• traditional and contemporary First Peoples worldviews, stories, and history, as expressed through photography• moral rights, and the ethics of cultural appropriation and plagiarism