Content Area: Dance

Standard: 4. Reflect, Connect, and Respond

Prepared Graduates:

> Demonstrate thinking skills such as describing, analyzing, interpreting, evaluating, and problem-solving through dance movement and verbal discussion

Grade Level Expectation: First Grade

Concepts and skills students master:

1. Respond to different dance styles using basic stylistic vocabulary

Evidence Outcomes	21 st Century Skills and Readiness Competencies
Students can: a. Observe a dance, and tell the story b. Describe the movements and gestures that stand out in a particular dance work because they tell the story c. Respond to a dance with language of dance symbols or other types of symbols, and relate them to a favorite movement in the dance	Inquiry Questions: 1. How does one describe his or her favorite movement in a dance? 2. Why are dances different from each other? 3. How does each style communicate its meaning? 4. How do the basic elements of dance communicate feelings and thoughts?
	 Relevance and Application: Recognizing simple dance symbols builds an understanding of symbolic language in other disciplines such as reading, music, history – and in environmental print such as road signs and public facilities signs. Demonstrating the relationship between movement and storytelling builds a foundational awareness of how historical cultures preserved their traditions in the absence of the printed word.
	Nature of Dance: 1. Dancers analyze and document dances and movement to capture their stories.