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Visual Arts K to 7: Formative Assessment Rubric

In 2010 the Ministry of Education posted new [Arts Education K to 7 Curricula](#) which includes separate curriculum documents for Dance, Drama, Music, and Visual Arts as well as an Arts Education K-7 Overview document.

To support the implementation of these documents, the ministry is collaborating with members of the curriculum revision teams to develop **Formative Assessment Rubrics** that align with the new curricula. The purpose of these rubrics to support teachers and students in **assessment-for-learning** and **assessment-as-learning** practices. They are presented as 2-page open-ended structures that can support conversations among teachers, students, and parents about student achievement in drama. The rubrics are designed as four-column scales which outline the broad learning goals of each Art Education discipline as well as provide descriptions of how a student might progress toward meeting these goals. (They look much like the 'Quick Scales' within the BC Performance Standards.)

The [Visual Arts K to 7: Formative Assessment Rubric](#) is now posted on the Ministry of Education website. Simply click on the "Support Materials" tab which appears along the top panel on the Visual Arts K-7 Curriculum webpage. This rubric is available in both WORD and PDF so teachers can adapt it to meet the needs of their particular classrooms. A link to an associated [Discussion Forum](#) is also included so that teachers can share their feedback with the Ministry as well as share ideas with each other.

Formative Assessment Rubrics for Dance K to 7 and Drama K to 7 are also available and can be found under the "Support Materials" tab of their associated curriculum web pages. In addition, the Music K to 7: Formative Assessment Rubric is expected to be available by April 2011.

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