

Enduring Understanding

Enduring Understandings provide a more focused view of arts education and targeted understanding for Florida students. Enduring Understandings enable arts teachers to identify or design Essential Questions for planning purposes.

Benchmark

Benchmarks explicitly describe what students should know and be able to do in Dance, Music and Theatre. Benchmarks are specific and measurable. The disciplines of Dance, Music and Theatre are considered to be “Hard-to-measure” content areas.

Examples/ Remarks

Remarks and Examples further clarify the benchmark by providing the teacher with examples of the content that might be covered in the benchmark.

Benchmark Clarification

Benchmark Clarifications simply restate the benchmark in terms of what the student will do when responding to questions of each type.

Response Mode

Responding Item, Performing Item, Creating Item

Item Type

Item Types are used to assess the benchmark or group of benchmarks.
Multiple Choice, Short Answer, Essay

Content Limits

Content Limits define the parameters of subject matter content with suggestions on where to find material and examples.

Stimulus Attributes

Stimulus Attributes define the parameters of the types of written, visual, audio, and video materials that should be used in the test items, including the appropriate use of graphic materials. It also defines grade level or course specific content if applicable.

Response Attributes

Response Attributes define the characteristics of the answers that a student must choose from or provide.

Item Context

Item Context gives a topical frame of reference to real-world applications of the test items.

Sample Item

Sample questions are provided to assist the writer in composing an item (stimulus/response) for the assessment that will follow the specifications. These questions represent only one of the numerous possibilities to consider when writing items to creatively assess the knowledge and skills implied in each benchmark.

NGSSS → Big Ideas → Enduring Understandings → Benchmarks → Item Specifications → Assessment Items