

The Museum of Modern Art

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Director

Dear Principal,

Your teachers and staff are vital members of our arts community. The Museum of Modern Art extends its support in enhancing the curriculum in your school by providing engaging, meaningful, and relevant experiences for your students and teachers.

Our lessons are customized to encourage students to look carefully at works of art, articulate their ideas about them, and make connections to their own experiences. Our emphasis on critical thinking skills provides a vital support to all areas of the school curriculum – from observation, analysis, and problem-solving in science to conversation, vocabulary-building, and writing skills in language arts.

Our programs are informed by numerous partnerships with the administrators and teachers of the New York City Department of Education. Because of their guidance we can anticipate how best to serve the needs of your school. For example,

- Our lessons address Strands 2, 3, and 4 of the New York City Department of Education's Blueprint for Teaching and Learning in the Visual Arts and meet the New York State Standards for Arts #3 and #4 as well as national learning standards in social studies and English language arts.¹
- Museum trips, and classroom pre- and post-visit lessons led by MoMA educators, provide opportunities for classroom teachers to enhance their school's instruction in the visual arts. This instruction may be noted in schools' Annual Arts in Schools Report, part of the ArtsCount initiative.
- The integration of arts education can effectively engage students in all areas of study, helping to raise student achievement.²

Part of our mission includes making MoMA accessible to your school community. Many of our school programs are free, and we provide free return passes to all students and teachers who participate in our programs.

We hope you make MoMA part of your students' academic experience and encourage you to support your teachers and students in pursuing museum-based programs as an integral part of their curricula. If you have any questions or comments, feel free to call 212.333.1112 at any time. We look forward to working with your teachers and students.

With best wishes,



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¹ New York City Blueprint for the Visual Arts, pages 54-55.

² ArtsCount: A Guide for Principals, New York City Department of Education.