



BLUE VALLEY DISTRICT CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION  
Visual Arts | High School/Digital Imaging



ORGANIZING THEME/TOPIC	FOCUS STANDARDS & SKILLS
<b>UNIT 1: Digital Camera Basic</b>	<b>SKILLS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Identify camera parts, types, and camera formats</li><li>• Demonstrate how a camera operates and proper safety handling</li><li>• Explain the basic functions of a camera: aperture, shutter speed, ISO, focus, light metering, etc</li></ul>
<b>UNIT 2: Lighting, Composition, Exposure</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Explain various types of lighting and how they affect the image quality and contrast</li><li>• Demonstrate an understanding of the basic rules of composition</li><li>• Understand the difference and how to achieve under-, over- and correct exposures</li></ul>
<b>UNIT 3: Digital Editing/Printing Techniques</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Demonstrate various techniques utilizing photographic art production software.</li><li>• Demonstrate proficiency in specific photo-related editing tools in Photoshop</li><li>• Explain the operation of digital and printing tools including scanners, printers, color profiles, paper surfaces</li></ul>
<b>UNIT 4: Image Exploration</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Utilizing basic photographic and digital editing techniques, students should be able to evaluate images based on set criteria</li><li>• Analyze and critique historical, contemporary, and personal images</li><li>• Begin to develop a personal voice and style through the controlled manipulation of learned techniques</li></ul>