Visual & Performing Arts Education

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The Board of Education believes that visual and performing arts are essential to a well-rounded educational program and should be an integral part of the course of study offered to students at all grade levels.

The district's arts education program shall be designed to foster students' artistic competencies, cultivate students' appreciation and understanding of the arts in ways that are enjoyable, fulfilling, and transferable to students' personal, academic, and professional endeavors, and support students to fully engage in lifelong arts learning.

The Board shall adopt academic standards for dance, media arts, music, theatre, and visual arts that lead to artistic literacy and promote access and equity in the arts. District standards shall describe the skills, knowledge, and abilities that students are expected to possess at each grade level and shall meet or exceed state standards.

The Superintendent or designee shall develop a sequential curriculum for dance, media arts, music, theatre, and visual arts which is consistent with the state curriculum framework and includes the following artistic processes:

1. Creating: conceiving and developing new artistic ideas and work
2. Performing/producing/presenting: realizing artistic ideas and work through interpretation and presentation
3. Responding: understanding and evaluating how the arts convey meaning
4. Connecting: relating artistic ideas and work with personal meaning and external content

The Board shall adopt standards-based instructional materials for visual and performing arts which may incorporate a variety of media and technologies.

As appropriate, the Superintendent or designee shall provide a standards-based professional development program designed to increase teachers' knowledge of and ability to teach the arts and to implement the district's arts education program.

The Superintendent or designee shall encourage the integration of community arts resources into the educational program. Such resources may include opportunities for students to attend musical and theatrical performances, observe the works of accomplished artists, and work directly with artists-in-residence and volunteers. In addition, the Superintendent or designee may collaborate with community organizations to share resources and seek grant opportunities.

Policy Reference Disclaimer:

These references are not intended to be part of the policy itself, nor do they indicate the basis or authority for the Board to enact this policy. Instead, they are provided as additional resources for those interested in the subject matter of the policy.

Legal References:

STATE

EDUCATION CODE

32060-32066 Toxic art supplies
35330-35332 Field trips
51210 Course of study for grades 1-6
51220 Course of study for grades 7-12
51225.3 High school graduation requirements
58800-58805 Specialized secondary programs
60200-60213 Instructional materials; elementary schools
60400-60411 Instructional materials; high schools
8950-8957 California summer school for the arts
99200-99204 Subject matter projects

MANAGEMENT RESOURCES

CALIFORNIA ALLIANCE FOR ARTS EDUCATION PUBLICATION

Parents' Guide to the Visual and Performing Arts in California Public Schools

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PUBLICATION

California Arts Framework for Public Schools, Kindergarten through Grade Twelve
California Arts Standards for Public Schools, Prekindergarten through Grade Twelve, January 2019

WEBSITES

CSBA District and County Office of Education Legal Services https://legalservices.csba.org/#
The California Arts Project http://csmp.ucop.edu/tcap
Arts Education Partnership http://aep-arts.org/
California Alliance for Arts Education http://www.caea-arteducation.org/
California Art Education Association http://www.caea-arteducation.org/
California Arts Council http://www.cac.ca.gov/
California Association for Music Education http://www.actaonline.org/content/california-association-music-education
California Dance Education Association http://www.cdeadance.org/
California Department of Education, Visual and Performing Arts http://www.cde.ca.gov/ci/vp
California Educational Theatre Association http://www.cetoweb.org/
California Music Educators Association http://www.calmusiced.com/
CSBA http://www.csba.org/

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