



Orenda Charter School Community-Based Fine Arts Policy and Application

Description: TAC §74.1030 allows a student to complete the one-credit fine arts graduation requirement by participating in a community-based fine arts program not provided by the district or charter school in which the student is enrolled.

Credit Requirements: To meet the graduation requirements, Orenda Charter School students must complete 1 credit in fine arts. Students participating in a community-based fine arts program that meets the requirements below can earn a maximum of one-half credit each semester.

Program Requirements

- The program must be a community-based fine arts activity that is approved by the Superintendent and applied for approval to the commissioner of education.
- The fine arts course may not already be provided through direct instruction at the Orenda campus where the student is enrolled.
- The program must provide instruction in all the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for the high school fine arts course.
- The program must be high quality, organized and monitored by appropriately trained staff, and include a minimum of 225 minutes per week.
- Students who participate in the program may receive a maximum of one-half credit per semester up to a maximum of one-credit per year and four credits total in high school.
- Students who discontinue the program during the semester will be enrolled in a fine arts course at the campus to finish credit for that semester.
- The location of the program must be within reasonable driving distance from the campus.
- Students are not permitted to miss any part of the school day to participate in the program.
- Attendance and grade documentation is required to be submitted at the end of each nine-week grading period.



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TO BE COMPLETED BY PARENT/GUARDIAN AND STUDENT

Parent Permission: Please initial each statement, fill in the required information, sign, and date.

_____ I have carefully read the guidelines for the Community-Based Fine Arts Program and I agree to comply with those requirements.

_____ I hereby release Orenda Charter School, its employees, agents, and its Board of Trustees, from all claims or liability in any way attributable to this program, including all travel to, from, and during the program.

_____ I also understand that all liability in case of accident or hospitalization is the responsibility of the parent/guardian or of the private or commercial school. Orenda Education is not responsible for accidental or hospitalization insurance.

_____ I understand that Orenda Charter School has no control over the daily activities of the program, quality of the program or qualification of the instructor in the program.

My son/daughter (print name) _____

Enrolled at (campus name) _____

Has my permission to participate in the Community-Based Fine Arts program:

In (School Year*) _____ Grade Level _____

For (Approved Program) _____

At (Location) _____

Parent Name _____

Parent Signature _____ Date (MM/DD/YYYY) _____

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_____ Approved _____ Date _____

Campus Principal _____

Superintendent or designee _____



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TO BE COMPLETED BY THE PROGRAM INSTRUCTOR

The Student must participate in his/her activity, under professional supervision, a minimum of 225 minutes each week at one approved agency. The record concerning weekly attendance and grades must be completed and submitted to the Principal (Gateway Tech High School, Kingsland School, and New Horizons School) or Director of Student Services (Gateway College Preparatory School only) by the end of each nine week grading period published on the approved school calendar. The following schedule must be completed and signed by the instructor before the application will be considered.

	Beginning Time	Ending Time	Activity
Monday			
Tuesday			
Wednesday			
Thursday			
Friday			
Saturday			
Sunday			

As a qualified instructor, your signature verifies the above schedule and your agreement to submit attendance and grades to the school by the published grade reporting deadlines.

Instructor's Printed Name _____

**Instructor's Signature _____

Date (MM/DD/YYYY) _____

****In order for the application to be approved, the instructor must submit a professional resume and a detailed description of the program, including activities and content taught, that aligns to the all the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for the proposed high school fine arts course.**