

Policy 6142.6: Visual And Performing Arts Education

The Governing Board 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 Governing 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 Governing 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.

The Superintendent or designee shall annually evaluate the implementation of the district's arts education program at each grade level and report to the Governing Board regarding its effectiveness in enabling students to meet academic standards.