

FRESNO COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS
FRESNO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**Instruction**
VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS EDUCATION

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

As appropriate, the County 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 arts education program.

The County 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 County Superintendent or designee may collaborate with community organizations to share resources and seek grant opportunities.

The County Superintendent or designee shall regularly evaluate the implementation of the arts

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education program at each grade level and assess its effectiveness in enabling students to meet academic standards.

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Legal ReferenceEducation Code

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

Management ResourcesCalifornia Alliance for Arts Education Publications

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

California Department of Education Publications

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

Websites

CSBA: <http://www.csba.org>
Arts Education Partnership: <http://aep-arts.org>
California Alliance for Arts Education: <http://www.artsed411.org>
California Arts Council: <http://www.cac.ca.gov>
California Art Education Association: <http://www.caea-arteducation.org>
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>
The California Arts Project: <http://csmp.ucop.edu/tcap>