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

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Legal Reference

Education 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 Resources

California 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 Educational Theatre Association:  http://www.cetoweb.org
California Music Educators Association:  http://www.calmusiced.com
The California Arts Project:  http://csmp.ucop.edu/tcap

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