INSTRUCTION

Arts Education

A. The Board of Education recognizes that arts education, including dance, theater, music, and visual arts, is an integral part of the core curriculum for all Kindergarten through grade twelve (K-12) pupils.

B. The Board of Education encourages development, implementation, and evaluation of quality, standards-based sequential and comprehensive K-12 arts education, with equity and access for all.

C. The Board of Education supports the following elements, among others, in developing and implementing the District’s arts education in district schools:

1. Standards-based arts curriculum, scheduling and assessment
2. Qualified teachers in the arts
3. Professional development for classroom and arts teachers consistent with California’s Visual and Performing Arts content standards
4. Standards-based instructional materials and equipment
5. Facilities appropriate to achieve educational/instructional standards
6. Opportunities to showcase pupil learning and pupil work
7. Integration of and access to professional artists, cultural organizations and other community arts resources.
8. Provision for ongoing review, program evaluation, and development of the District’s arts education program.

D. The Board of Education also supports the need to provide funding for high quality, standards-based K-12 arts education in an equitable manner, consistent with the principle that arts education is an integral part of the core curriculum.

Legal reference:

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51040-51041 Role of local agency
51210-51220 Adopted courses of study

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