

Instruction

Visual and Performing Arts Education

The Governing Board recognizes that by studying visual and performing arts, students learn to develop initiative, discipline, perceptual abilities and critical and creative thinking skills that extend to all areas of life. The Board believes that a comprehensive sequential arts education program should be an integral part of the basic education offered to all students. The Board encourages all teachers to use the arts to promote active learning in the subjects they teach.

The Governing Board supports and encourages the following elements to be included in the development and implementation of the District's art education program:

1. K-12 Coordinated Standards-Based Curriculum
2. Qualified Professional Staff and District Leadership
3. Ongoing Professional Development
4. Professional and Community Partnerships
5. Regular Celebrations of Students' Artistic Expression
6. Consistent and Adequate Facilities and Funding
7. Extended Visual and Performing Arts Opportunities for Students
8. Supportive K-12 Parental Involvement

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure ongoing professional development in standards-based arts education. The professional development opportunities may be extended to include specialists and generalists Visual and Performing Arts educators.

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that students have access to sufficient instructional materials, equipment and facilities to support a balanced arts program. In addition, the Superintendent or designee shall encourage the integration of community arts resources into the school program. Teachers are encouraged to provide students with opportunities to attend musical and theatrical performances, observe the work of accomplished artists and work directly with visiting artists whenever possible.

The Superintendent or designee shall develop a budgeted plan, establish procedures to implement the Board policy and provide for the on-going review, evaluation and development of the District's arts education program.