

WHITTIER UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
Whittier, California

Board Policy

BP 6142.6

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 arts education program should be an integral part of the basic education offered to all students in all grades. The Board encourages all teachers to use the arts to facilitate learning in the subjects they teach.

The district's comprehensive arts education program shall include a written, sequential curriculum in dance, music, theater and the visual arts. Students shall have the opportunity to continually improve artistic skills, create and/or perform original works, acquire an appreciation of arts from many eras and cultures and develop an intellectual basis for making aesthetic judgments.

(cf. 6143 - Courses of Study)

(cf. 6146.1 - High School Graduation Requirements)

In addition, the Superintendent or designee shall encourage the integration of community arts resources into the school program. Students shall have opportunities to attend musical and theatrical performances, observe the work of accomplished artists and work directly with visiting artists.

The Board acknowledges the importance of ongoing professional development for teachers in arts education. The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that certificated staff have opportunities to become knowledgeable about curriculum developments in the arts and strategies for delivering a comprehensive arts program to students.

(cf. 4131 - Staff Development)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

8810-8819.5 Arts education
8820-8830 Arts Work Visual and Performing Arts Education Program
8950-8957 California summer school of the arts
51204 Course of study designed for students' needs
51225.3 Graduation requirements
58800-58805 Specialized secondary programs
99200-99205 Subject matter projects

Management Resources:

CDE PUBLICATIONS

The Visual and Performing Arts Framework for California Public Schools:
Kindergarten Through Grade Twelve, 1996
Literature for the Visual and Performing Arts, Kindergarten Through Grade
Twelve

Prelude to Performance Assessments in the Arts, K-12, 1994

The Arts: Partnerships as a Catalyst for Educational Reform, 1994

Arts Work: A Call for Arts Education for All California Students, 1997

WEB SITES:

CDE: <http://www.cde.ca.gov>

TCAP: <http://www.ucop.edu/tcap>

California Arts Council: <http://www.cac.ca.gov>

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