

# BASSETT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

## ARTS EDUCATION BOARD POLICY

- I. The Board of Education recognizes that arts education, including dance, theatre, music, and visual arts, is a necessary part of the core curriculum for all kindergarten through grade twelve students.
- II. The Board of Education encourages and fosters the development, implementation, and ongoing evaluation of a quality, standards-based, sequential, and comprehensive K-12 arts education, with equity and access for all its students.
- III. The Board of Education supports the following components in developing and implementing the District's arts education in all district schools:
  - a. Professional development for classroom and arts teachers consistent with California's Visual and Performing Arts content standards arts and focused on the latest strategies and methodologies in the arts
  - b. Highly qualified arts teachers who utilize student-centered methods and instructional techniques
  - c. Standards-based curriculum and assessment that prepares students to be life-long learners, participants and consumers of the arts
  - d. Standards-based materials, equipment, and literature
  - e. Facilities appropriate to achieve educational/instructional standards
  - f. Opportunities to showcase student learning and student work
  - g. Integration of and access to professional artists, cultural organizations and arts resources within the community
- IV. The Board of Education 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.
- V. The Superintendent or designee shall establish procedures to implement Board policies, and provide for the on-going coordination, evaluation, and development of the District's arts education program and plan.

