

VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS EDUCATION

The Rosemead School District Board of Trustees recognizes that Arts Education, including dance, music, theater, and the visual arts, is an integral part of the core education for all students. An arts education enables students to develop an aesthetic appreciation, critical and creative thinking skills, initiative, discipline and perceptive abilities that encompass all areas of life.

The Board of Trustees recognizes that a comprehensive curriculum includes sequential arts education as a part of the program for all students in all grades. The K-8 arts education program should enable students to achieve the goals outlined in the “Content Standards for California Public Schools,” which include the “Visual and Performing Arts Content Standards.” The Board encourages all teachers to use the arts to facilitate learning in the other subjects of the core curricula, including history, geography, language arts, math and science.

The Board recognizes that weekly instructional time, credentialed staff (arts teachers in dance, music, theater, visual arts and general classroom teachers), community arts resources, facilities, supplies, and curriculum materials are all necessary to implement a quality arts program. Also fundamental to the success of arts education is a continuing program of standards based in-service for the staff, to improve their ability to deliver quality arts instruction across all curriculum areas and to maximize the opportunities for student achievement. The Board acknowledges that an appropriate ratio of students to credentialed arts teachers be maintained in order to achieve the goal of sequential arts education.

The Superintendent or designee shall develop a budgeted plan, establish procedures to implement Board policies, and provide for the on-going review, evaluation and development of the District’s arts education program. As the arts are a core subject, in times of budget cutbacks, the Board maintains that reductions must be distributed equitably across subject areas, rather than eliminating any specific programs.

*Legal Reference:*EDUCATION CODE

8810-8820	Arts Education
8950-8951	California Summer School for the Arts
51210	Courses of Study, Grades 1-6
51220-51226	Courses of Study, Grades 7-8
58800-58840	Specialized Secondary Programs
60605.1	Program Provisions
99200-99204	Subject Matter Projects

Policy
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