

## **THE ARTS**

The board recognizes the value of providing students an education in the arts, including the disciplines of dance, media arts, music, theater, and visual arts. The arts engage all learning styles, and they lead to powerful and life-long habits, such as creativity, collaboration, communication, and critical thinking. The arts provide students with keys to understanding the world around them and strategies for learning, interpreting, and expressing their thoughts. Students may further develop their art skills through independent activities and programs. The district encourages students and their families to take advantage of any learning opportunities in the arts available to them.

The district will encourage students to learn the arts effectively at a high level of proficiency. The district also recognizes the importance of allowing students to learn at their own pace, and the educational benefits that can be gained by giving students the opportunity to demonstrate competency of skills, proficiency of standards, and mastery of concepts.

In order to recognize student proficiency in the arts, the Superintendent or designee is directed to develop procedures for awarding credits in the arts to students based on demonstrated proficiency across a range of skills in the arts.

Cross References:

- 2020 - Curriculum Development and Adoption of Instructional Materials
- 2024 - Online Learning
- 2100 - Instructional Program Offerings
- 2104 - Federal and/or State Funded Special Instructional Programs
- 2106- Program Compliance
- 2108- Remediation Program
- 2110 - Transitional Bilingual Education
- 2130 - Charter Development
- 2133 - Diversity and Multicultural Education
- 2150 - Co-curricular Program
- 2151 - Interscholastic Activities
- 2161 - Education of Students with Disabilities
- 2162 - Education of Students with Disabilities Under Section 504
- 2165 - Home and Hospital Instruction
- 2170 - Career and Technical Education
- 2171 - School to Work
- 2190 - Programs for Highly Capable Students

2195 - Academic Acceleration for High School Students  
2250 - Alternative Programs Policy  
2255 - Alternative Learning Programs  
2410 - High School Graduation Requirements  
2411 - Certificate of Educational Competency  
2412 - Diplomas for Veterans  
2413 - Credit Equivalency for Career and Technical Education Courses  
2415 - Department Honors  
2416 - Academic Honors  
2418 - Waiver of High School Graduation Credits  
2419R - Emergency Waiver of High School Graduation Credits

Legal References:

WAC 180-51-050 High school credit — Definition  
RCW 28A.230.090 High school graduation requirements or equivalencies — Reevaluation of graduation requirements — Review and authorization of proposed changes — Credit for courses taken before attending high school — Postsecondary credit equivalencies

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