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Early Learning or Pre-K Arts Education State Standards

No. Early learning standards are being developed by the governor's office. OSPI will partner with them in the coming months regarding arts standards for early learning. We provided a vision of skills for preschool in all four arts disciplines in our draft K-12 Arts Learning Standards; however, they will not be included in the approved standards, due to the governor's office being charged with the task of development, per state law. (See Washington State Department of Early Learning at <http://www.del.wa.gov/>)

Elementary and/or Secondary Arts Education State Standards

Yes. The Washington State Arts K-12 Learning Standards were developed (2006-10) to provide clarity and specificity for the Arts Essential Academic Learning Requirements, developed and adopted in 1993 for dance, music, theater, and visual arts. The state laws requiring this development and adoption are RCW 28A.150.210, 1993 and RCW 28A.655.070, 1999. The draft Arts K-12 Learning Standards are available online at the following links and are in the final stages for formal approval and adoption in fall 2010.

Arts Teaching and Learning website: <http://www.k12.wa.us/Arts/default.aspx>

Arts Learning Standards: <http://www.k12.wa.us/Arts/default.aspx>

Arts Essential Academic Learning Requirements (EALRs):

<http://www.k12.wa.us/Arts/default.aspx>

Dance Standards: <http://www.k12.wa.us/Arts/default.aspx>

Music Standards: <http://www.k12.wa.us/Arts/default.aspx>

Theatre Standards: <http://www.k12.wa.us/Arts/default.aspx>

Visual Arts Standards: <http://www.k12.wa.us/Arts/default.aspx>

Arts Elements, Principles, Technique(s), Skills, Foundations and Fundamentals Poster:

<http://www.k12.wa.us/Arts/default.aspx>

The overview continuums describe the journey students would expect to experience along the K-12 pathways of dance, music, theater, and visual arts education.

Dance Overview: <http://www.k12.wa.us/Arts/default.aspx>

Music Overview: <http://www.k12.wa.us/Arts/default.aspx>

Theatre Overview: <http://www.k12.wa.us/Arts/default.aspx>

Visual Arts Overview: <http://www.k12.wa.us/Arts/default.aspx>

Arts Education Instructional Requirement - Elementary School

Yes. Arts education is mandated by the state legislature as part of Washington's Student Learning Goals (under Goal 2) for the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) as basic education and an essential academic learning requirement (EALR) for all students. Dance, music, theater, and visual arts are defined arts for all learners per state law since 1993 and federal law since 2002. The standards describe what students should know and be able to do in each arts discipline. Arts laws and

regulations in WA state are available at <http://www.k12.wa.us/Arts/lawsregulations.aspx> Arts are Basic Education (RCW 28A.150.210, 1993): The arts—including dance, music, theater, and visual arts—are defined as core content areas in Washington's definition of basic education. Essential Academic Learning Requirements and Assessments (RCW 28A.230.095): School districts will assess and report progress in the arts to the state beginning with the 2008–09 school year using state-developed Arts Classroom-Based Performance Assessments (CBPAs) and/or other strategies that meet recommendations by the OSPI. Elementary and Secondary Education Act (2002): Arts are core academic subject areas in the federal law. Washington defines the arts as dance, music, theatre, and visual arts. Section 5551 of Subpart 15 outlines assistance for Arts Education.

Arts Education Instructional Requirement - Middle School

Yes. Arts education is mandated by the state legislature as part of Washington's Student Learning Goals (under Goal 2) for the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) as basic education and an essential academic learning requirement (EALR) for all students. Dance, music, theater, and visual arts are defined arts for all learners per state law since 1993 and federal law since 2002. The standards describe what students should know and be able to do in each arts discipline. Arts laws and regulations in WA state are available at <http://www.k12.wa.us/Arts/lawsregulations.aspx> Arts are Basic Education (RCW 28A.150.210, 1993): The arts—including dance, music, theater, and visual arts—are defined as core content areas in Washington's definition of basic education. Essential Academic Learning Requirements and Assessments (RCW 28A.230.095): School districts will assess and report progress in the arts to the state beginning with the 2008–09 school year using state-developed Arts Classroom-Based Performance Assessments (CBPAs) and/or other strategies that meet recommendations by the OSPI. Elementary and Secondary Education Act (2002): Arts are core academic subject areas in the federal law. Washington defines the arts as dance, music, theatre, and visual arts. Section 5551 of Subpart 15 outlines assistance for Arts Education.

Arts Requirements for High School Graduation

Yes. One arts credit has been required by law beginning with the graduating class of 2008 (the freshman class of 2004). The Arts Requirement WAC 180-51-061 can be found at: <http://apps.leg.wa.gov/wac/default.aspx?cite=180-51-061> Minimum Requirements for High School Graduation (WAC 180-51-061, 2004). Washington state requires one credit in the arts for all students as a part of their graduation requirements and will require two credits (one may be substituted) beginning with the freshman class of 2013 (ESHB 2261, May 19, 2009, Basic Education in WA State, contingent upon full funding, <http://www.k12.wa.us/Arts/default.aspx> An arts graduation FAQ was prepared by the State Board of Education (SBE) in collaboration with the OSPI Arts Program in 2009 and can be accessed at Arts High School Graduation Requirements <http://www.sbe.wa.gov/documents/FAQ%20Arts%20Requirement.pdf>. Teachers must be highly qualified and certified to teach in the arts per NCLB/ESEA, as the arts are core and academic subjects. Requirements for highly qualified teachers: <http://www.k12.wa.us/Arts/default.aspx> Arts and Career and Technical Education (CTE) "cross-equivalency" credits can also be earned. A process and guidelines for course equivalency follows: Arts A–Z Index: <http://www.k12.wa.us/Arts/default.aspx> and <http://www.k12.wa.us/Arts/default.aspx> WSSDA Policy 2413 Document for Equivalency Credit for Career and Technical Education Courses (PDF): Career and technical courses approved for equivalency must meet certain criteria, outlined in this document. Arts High School Graduation Requirements questions and answers provided by the Washington State Board of Education. CTE Toolkit Version 3.0 (PDF): The requirement for use of a CBA/CBPA in CTE cross crediting of all core academic and essential subjects (which includes the arts—dance, music, theater, and visual arts). CTE Certification Requirements: An initial CTE is valid for four years and renewable for three years. Learn more about the requirements for CTE certification. OSPI guidelines for occupational credits and the Arts: Occupational Education Requirements (Word).

Arts Alternatives for High School Graduation

Yes. Arts and Career and Technical Education (CTE) "cross-equivalency" credits can also be earned. A process and guidelines for course equivalency follows: Arts A–Z Index: <http://www.k12.wa.us/Arts/A-Z.aspx> and <http://www.k12.wa.us/Arts/A-Z.aspx> WSSDA Policy 2413 Document for Equivalency Credit for Career and Technical Education Courses (PDF): Career and technical courses approved for equivalency must

	<p>meet certain criteria, outlined in this document. Arts High School Graduation Requirements questions and answers provided by the Washington State Board of Education. CTE Toolkit Version 3.0 (PDF): The requirement for use of a CBA/CBPA in CTE cross crediting of all core academic and essential subjects (which includes the arts—dance, music, theater, and visual arts). CTE Certification Requirements: An initial CTE is valid for four years and renewable for three years. Learn more about the requirements for CTE certification. OSPI guidelines for occupational credits and the Arts: Occupational Education Requirements (Word).</p>
<p>Arts Requirements for College Admissions</p>	<p>Yes. RCW-28A.230.130: Program to help students meet minimum entrance requirements at baccalaureate-granting institutions or to pursue career or other opportunities, to help students demonstrate the application of the WA state EALRs to the world of work (which includes the arts—dance, music, theater, and visual arts) and non-substitutable (effective 2006—cannot be waived after 9/1/09; http://apps.leg.wa.gov/RCW/default.aspx?Cite=28A.230.130 The Higher Education Coordinating Board has established minimum college academic distribution requirements (CADRs) for entry to Washington’s public four-year colleges and universities. One credit of fine, visual, or performing arts is required, or one additional credit in math, English, social science, lab science, or world languages. The University of Washington and Western Washington University specify that .5 credits of this requirement must be in the fine, visual, or performing arts; the other half may be either in the arts or in an academic elective. Course work completed prior to grade nine does not apply toward this college admission requirement. More information on the HECB requirements is available at http://apps.leg.wa.gov/RCW/default.aspx?Cite=28A.230.130</p>
<p>Arts Education Assessment Requirements</p>	<p>Yes. Beginning in 2005–06, arts classroom-based performance assessments (CBPAs) have been available for voluntary use at the elementary, middle, and high school levels, per law RCW 28A.230.095 (formerly HB 2195, 2004). State reporting began in 2008–09. The 2008--09 state report is available at http://www.k12.wa.us/assessment/pubdocs/CBA/iGrants_Report_All_Arts.pdf The 2010 OSPI memorandum sent to all 295 school districts regarding accountability to provide instruction in the arts that is rigorous, research based, aligned to state standards, and able to measure individual student achievement is at Memorandum 007-10 (Word) on CBPAs for the arts [link?]. The deadline for submission is July 31, 2010, to be included in the state report. Arts assessments are color coded by arts discipline for elementary, middle, and high school assessments. A colored chart menu provides a quick description of each arts assessment in alignment with state standards and describes what students will know and be able to do. Dance items are yellow, music items are lilac, theater items are green, and visual arts items are blue (see http://www.k12.wa.us/assessment/pubdocs/CBA/iGrants_Report_All_Arts.pdf and http://www.k12.wa.us/assessment/pubdocs/CBA/iGrants_Report_All_Arts.pdf The 2009 revised bank of CBPAs is available for download at http://www.k12.wa.us/assessment/pubdocs/CBA/iGrants_Report_All_Arts.pdf The original bank of 60 CBPAs developed with scoring notes and student samples on DVDs is also available for download at http://www.k12.wa.us/assessment/pubdocs/CBA/iGrants_Report_All_Arts.pdf Continued development and production are contingent upon legislative and OSPI funding. iGrants Teacher Worksheets for Arts: Elementary School Worksheet (Dance, Music, Theatre, Visual Arts); Middle School Worksheet (Dance, Music, Theatre, Visual Arts); High School Worksheet (Dance, Music, Theatre, Visual Arts); Draft Optional Survey Worksheet (Arts, SS, HF); Arts FAQs Worksheet; Arts Courses Worksheet. View The Arts CBPA Journey in Progress document for the history of the development of the CBPAs at http://www.k12.wa.us/assessment/pubdocs/CBA/iGrants_Report_All_Arts.pdf Professional development in the CBPAs and other OSPI, state, and national arts education organization presentations are found at http://www.k12.wa.us/assessment/pubdocs/CBA/iGrants_Report_All_Arts.pdf</p>
<p>Licensure Requirements for Non-Arts Teachers</p>	<p>Yes. Arts Coursework for Non-Arts Teachers is found at http://www.k12.wa.us/certification/profed/competency.aspx and Elementary Education at http://www.k12.wa.us/certification/profed/competency.aspx The arts requirements are the first seven competencies at the beginning of the general education endorsement competency requirements.</p>

Licensure Requirements for Arts Teachers	<p>Yes. Arts endorsements exist in six areas: dance; music: choral; music: general; music: instrumental; theater arts; and visual arts. Arts Endorsement Competencies in Washington were recently revised by P-20 arts educators and OSPI Certification and Arts Program personnel. New 2007 Endorsement Competencies are online at the following links: http://www.k12.wa.us/certification/profed/competency.aspx</p> <p>Designated Arts: Dance: http://www.k12.wa.us/certification/profed/competency.aspx</p> <p>Music: Choral: http://www.k12.wa.us/certification/profed/competency.aspx</p> <p>Music: General: http://www.k12.wa.us/certification/profed/competency.aspx</p> <p>Music: Instrumental: http://www.k12.wa.us/certification/profed/competency.aspx</p> <p>Theater Arts: http://www.k12.wa.us/certification/profed/competency.aspx</p> <p>Visual Arts: http://www.k12.wa.us/certification/profed/competency.aspx</p> <p>Elementary Education: http://www.k12.wa.us/certification/profed/competency.aspx</p> <p>The test taking strategies and preparation materials for the WEST-E are located at http://www.k12.wa.us/certification/profed/competency.aspx Select the test preparation materials from a list in a drop down menu of subjects.</p>
Alternative Certification for Arts Teachers	<p>Yes. Alternative and various types of certification requirements are available at http://www.k12.wa.us/certification/teacher/Residency.aspx</p>
Continuing Education Requirements for Arts Teachers	<p>Yes. Teachers are required to take 15 certified college credits and/or 150 certified clock hours every five years to recertify. Credits and/or clock hours need to be state approved and consistent with current assignments and/or new routes to endorsement competencies. Credits must be approved by authorized school district personnel and administration to be used for recertification and/or salary advancement. Renewal and recertification can be found at http://www.k12.wa.us/certification/TeacherMain.aspx</p> <p>For those already certified in Washington state, renewal information is found at http://www.k12.wa.us/certification/TeacherMain.aspx For those seeking certification from out of state, information is found at http://www.k12.wa.us/certification/TeacherMain.aspx State-approved professional development regarding arts education can be found on the following OSPI arts websites:</p> <p>Arts Teaching and Learning: http://www.k12.wa.us/certification/TeacherMain.aspx</p> <p>Arts Professional Development: http://www.k12.wa.us/certification/TeacherMain.aspx</p> <p>Arts Education Partners: http://www.k12.wa.us/certification/TeacherMain.aspx</p> <p>Regional Education Service Districts (ESDs) and local school districts (LEDs) provide approved professional development opportunities on their websites.</p>
State Department of Education Website Information	<p>http://www.k12.wa.us/default.aspx and http://www.k12.wa.us/default.aspx</p>
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