

**VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS EDUCATION**

The Governing Board recognizes that the arts are essential to a world class K-12 balanced, comprehensive education for all students. Visual and performing arts teachers build creativity, discipline and teamwork resulting in a positive impact for our schools and community at large. Each of the arts disciplines (dance, music, theatre, and the visual arts) maintains a rich body of knowledge that enables students to understand and appreciate the world around them. The Board concurs that by studying visual and performing arts, students develop critical and creative thinking skills, initiative, discipline, and perceptual abilities. The arts improve performance in other curricular areas and prepare students for careers in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

The State of California recognizes the visual and performing arts as core curriculum and has established the *Visual and Performing Arts Framework for California Public Schools, 2004* to ensure comprehensive educational programs. A visual and performing arts education includes a sequential, standards-based curriculum in dance, music, theatre and visual arts, based on the California Visual and Performing Arts Content Standards.

The Superintendent or his designee will ensure that adequate instructional time, highly-qualified credentialed staff (as outlined in NCLB), ongoing and content specific professional development, facilities, equipment, and curriculum materials will be provided and support a quality arts program. Furthermore, community arts resources will be used to enrich instruction.

**Musical Instruments**

Some musical instruments are purchased by the District in support of the total districtwide program of music and in keeping with budgetary limitations and priorities. Every effort shall be made to loan musical instruments to students who would otherwise be unable to participate in music instruction.

Where possible, parents are encouraged to purchase or rent instruments.

*Legal Reference:***EDUCATION CODE:**

*51210 Instruction of visual and performing arts, grades 1-6*

*51220 Instruction of visual and performing arts, grades 7-12*

*No Child Left Behind Act of 2001*

Policy

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