

## Current Arts Education Requirements: Standards, Credits and Courses

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Level	Credits and Courses: Requirements for Students	Credits and Courses: Requirements for Teachers
Elementary and middle schools	Students enrolled in kindergarten through age 17 must receive instruction in the arts ( <a href="#">120A.22</a> ). Students must be offered at least three and required to meet the standards in two arts areas* ( <a href="#">120B.021</a> ).	K-6 <sup>th</sup> grade: Teacher must have the appropriate arts license or elementary generalist license (up to 33% of an elementary generalist's day.) ( <a href="#">PELSB</a> )  7-8 <sup>th</sup> grade: Teacher must have the appropriate arts license. ( <a href="#">PELSB</a> )
High schools	Students must earn 1 arts credit sufficient to satisfy all the arts standards. Students must be offered at least three and required to meet the standards in at least one arts area <sup>1</sup> ( <a href="#">120B.021</a> , <a href="#">120B.024</a> ). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A credit is a student successfully completing an academic year of study or a student mastering the applicable subject matter, as determined by the local school district.</li> <li>• To successfully achieve the amount of learning described in the benchmarks of each arts area, MDE recommends that the credit be in a year-long course in single arts area.</li> <li>• A CTE course may count: see box to right for requirements.</li> </ul>	Arts Courses: Teacher must have the appropriate arts license. ( <a href="#">PELSB</a> )  CTE courses that count for arts credit ( <a href="#">120B.024</a> , <a href="#">3505.1150</a> ): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Teacher must have a license in CTE.</li> <li>• Teacher must have passed the relevant arts MTLE/licensure test.</li> <li>• For media arts courses, districts are encouraged to use the visual arts MTLE.</li> <li>• The district must ensure that the CTE course meets <b>all</b> standards in an arts area.</li> </ul>

Level	Standards: Requirements for Students	Standards <sup>2</sup> : Requirements for Teachers
Elementary and middle schools	Students must meet all arts standards and benchmarks at each grade level in two arts areas*. ( <a href="#">120A.22</a> , <a href="#">120B.021</a> ).	<i>See above for course requirements.</i> Standards may be taught in any class. Districts must have a process to evaluate students' progress toward meeting standards. ( <a href="#">120B.11</a> )
High schools	Students must meet all arts standards and benchmarks in at least one arts area*. ( <a href="#">120B.021</a> , <a href="#">120B.024</a> )	<i>See above for credit requirements.</i> Standards may be taught in any class. Districts must have a process to evaluate each student's progress toward meeting standards.

Based on the following Statutes and Rules: Statutes [120A.22](#), [120B.11](#), [120B.021](#), [120B.023](#), [120B.024](#), [120B.02](#); Rules [3505.1150](#), [3501.0800 – 15](#) ([www.revisor.mn.gov](http://www.revisor.mn.gov))

<sup>1</sup> The five arts areas are Dance, Media Arts, Music, Theater, and Visual Arts.

<sup>2</sup> Locally developed standards must be at least as rigorous as the Minnesota K-12 Academic Standards in the Arts.