

## Current Arts Education Requirements<sup>1</sup>: 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="#">Minn. Stat. § 120A.22</a> ). Students must be offered at least three and required to meet the standards in two arts areas <sup>2</sup> ( <a href="#">Minn. Stat. § 120B.021</a> ).	K-6 grade: Teacher must have the appropriate arts license or elementary generalist license (up to 33 percent of an elementary generalist's day.) Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board ( <a href="#">PELSB</a> ) 7-8 grade: Teacher must have the appropriate arts license. ( <a href="#">PELSB</a> )
High schools	Students must earn one 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 ( <a href="#">Minn. Stat. § 120B.021</a> , <a href="#">Minn. Stat. § 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, Minnesota Department of Education (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. (see <a href="#">PELSB STAR Assignment Table</a> for arts licenses) All of the following must be in place for Career and Technical Education (CTE) courses that count for arts credit ( <a href="#">Minn. Stat. § 120B.024</a> , <a href="#">Minn. R 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 Minnesota Teacher Licensure Examinations (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>3</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="#">Minn. Stat. § 120A.22</a> , <a href="#">Minn. Stat. § 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="#">Minn. Stat. § 120B.11</a> )
High schools	Students must meet all arts standards and benchmarks in at least one arts area. ( <a href="#">Minn. Stat. § 120B.021</a> , <a href="#">Minn. Stat. § 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.

<sup>1</sup> Based on the following Statutes and Rules: Minn. Stat. §§ [120A.22](#), [120B.11](#), [120B.021](#), [120B.023](#), [120B.024](#), [120B.02](#); Minn. R. [3505.1150](#), [3501.0800 – 15](#) ([www.revisor.mn.gov](http://www.revisor.mn.gov))

<sup>2</sup> The five arts areas are Dance, Media Arts, Music, Theater, and Visual Arts.

<sup>3</sup> Locally developed standards must be at least as rigorous as the Minnesota K-12 Academic Standards in the Arts.