



ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

State Seal of Arts Proficiency



Website: Office of Arts Education

DID YOU KNOW?

In 2017, Arizona was home to 14,522 arts-related businesses employing 74,688 people. The State Seal of Arts Proficiency provides a pathway to prepare students with the 21st century skills they will need to succeed in the creative sector and with attributes necessary to flourish in their personal and professional lives.

CONTACT US

We are overjoyed your LEA is embarking on a journey to provide students with a pathway for high levels of arts proficiency in their education. **Please do not hesitate to reach out to the Office of Arts Education** for any assistance we can provide you to implement and administer the Arizona State Seal of Arts Proficiency. **You can find an implementation guidance document and more materials to assist you with seal administration on our website.**

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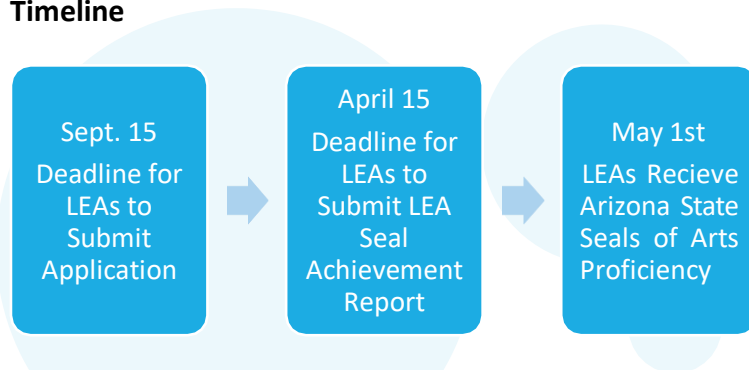


*“Arts Programs are an essential part of a well-rounded education system, not just electives that are nice for students to have. Research has proven that a balanced, comprehensive and sequential program of study in the arts allows Arizona’s students to learn and practice 21st century skills and behaviors that improve critical thinking, collaboration, communication, and creative problem solving. I commend the legislature for passing SB1111, which recognizes the superb work accomplished by students across Arizona.” **Kathy Hoffman, Superintendent of Public Instruction***

STATE SEAL OF ARTS PROFICIENCY

The State Seal of Arts Proficiency is awarded to Arizona graduates who complete an arts pathway. The seal is meant to recognize mastery of Arizona arts education standards, cultivate artistic literacy and skills for 21st century success, promote increased access to well-rounded, high quality arts education, and prepare students for college and career readiness including active participation in the creative industries sector. LEAs who wish to administer the seal will apply to the ADE's Office of Arts Education outlining seal processes at the local level.

Timeline



***Deadline Extension for 2019-2020:** LEAs will be given a later date to submit their application in 2019-2020.

History

The State Seal of Arts Proficiency or SB111 was signed into law by Governor Doug Ducey on May 14th, 2019. SB1111 had bipartisan support and was a grassroots effort from Arizona Education Advocates from across the state. Senator Paul Boyer served as the bill's sponsor.

PATHWAY REQUIREMENTS

To qualify for the Arizona State Seal of Arts Proficiency, a student will complete:

1. A final GPA of 3.0 or 4.0 in each qualifying arts/career and technical education (CTE) course.
2. 4 minimum credit requirements in one of the following ways:
 - a. A minimum of 4 credits in one artistic discipline: (dance, music, theatre, visual arts or media arts)
OR
 - b. 3 credits in one artistic discipline, and 1 qualifying creative industries CTE credit or separate artistic discipline.
OR
 - c. 2 credits in one artistic discipline, and 2 credits in a qualifying creative industries CTE course or separate artistic discipline.
3. 80 hours of arts related extracurricular activities
4. A student capstone project

