

6A-1.09952 Requirements for the Florida Seal of Fine Arts

(1) Purpose. The Florida Seal of Fine Arts Program was established to recognize high school graduates who have met exemplary benchmarks in fine arts coursework by the award of a seal on a standard high school diploma. The purpose of the Florida Seal of Fine Arts Program is to encourage students to develop an exemplary level of proficiency in the performing or visual arts.

(2) Definitions.

(a) “Fine arts” means dance, music, theatre and visual arts.

(b) “Juried event” means a district or statewide organization’s event where a student or group of students are judged by one or more judges on the selected fine arts discipline of their choosing and receive a scored rating and written or oral feedback.

(c) “Original work of art” means a work of art that is created by the student.

(d) “Work of art” means a musical or theatrical composition, visual artwork, or choreographed routine or performance.

(3) Criteria for Eligibility. Beginning with the 2024-25 school year, the Florida Seal of Fine Arts shall be awarded to a high school student who demonstrates the following requirements have been met:

(a) The student earned a standard high school diploma;

(b) The student completed at least three (3) year-long courses in dance, music, theatre, or visual arts with a grade of “A” or higher in each course, or earned three (3) sequential course credits in such courses with a grade of “A” or higher in each course pursuant to Rule 6A-1.09441, F.A.C.; and

(c) The student completed at least two (2) of the following requirements:

1. Completed a fine arts International Baccalaureate, advanced placement, dual enrollment, or honors course with a grade of “B” or higher;

2. Participated in a district or statewide organization’s juried event as a selected student participant for two (2) or more years;

3. Recorded at least twenty-five (25) volunteer hours of arts-related community service in his or her community and presents a comprehensive presentation on his or her experiences pursuant to district procedures;

4. Submits a portfolio that demonstrates the student is an exemplary practitioner of fine arts, as described in subsection (4); or

5. Received district, state, or national recognition for the creation and submission of an original work of art.

(4) Portfolio Option. Portfolios described in paragraph (2)(c) of this rule must meet the following requirements:

(a) Portfolios must include at least one (1) and not more than eight (8) separate works of art within one fine arts discipline. Students must submit photographs or prints showing their original works of visual art, and must submit video recordings for portfolios showing dance, music, or theatre performances. Dance, music or theatre portfolios may include original works created by the student or the performance of works created by others. Districts are authorized to develop procedures specifying minimum and maximum length for recorded submissions.

(b) School district appointed personnel must review the portfolio using the “Florida Seal of Fine Arts Portfolio Rubric” (Form FA-2) to determine if the student is an exemplary practitioner of fine arts. A score of eighteen (18) or higher qualifies as exemplary. Portfolio reviewers must hold a valid, active Florida Professional Educator Certificate pursuant to Rule 6A-4.004, F.A.C., in the student’s specific discipline (Art, Dance, Drama or Music), unless the district does not have anyone with that certification in the district or that person is unavailable.

(5) Insignia. The Commissioner of Education must provide to each school district an appropriate insignia to be affixed to the student’s diploma indicating that the student has been awarded the Florida Seal of Fine Arts in accordance with this rule. The district must also record on a student’s transcript that he or she earned the Florida Seal of Fine Arts.

(6) School District Reporting. Each school district must maintain records showing which students earned the Florida Seal of Fine Arts and must report this information to the Department in accordance with Rule 6A-1.0014, F.A.C., Comprehensive Management Information System.

(7) Documents Incorporated by Reference. The following documents are hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of this rule. Copies may be obtained at <https://www.fldoe.org/academics/standards/subject-areas/fine-arts/>. With the exception of the “Florida Seal of Fine Arts Portfolio Rubric” (Form FA-2), the items listed below are provided to assist school districts in tracking completion of the eligibility requirements described in subsection (3).

(a) The Florida Seal of Fine Arts Eligibility Form, Form FA-1 (DOS link), effective September 2024.

(b) The Florida Seal of Fine Arts Portfolio Rubric, Form FA-2 (DOS link), effective September 2024.

(c) The Florida Seal of Fine Arts Statement, Form FA-3 (DOS link), effective September 2024.

(d) The Florida Seal of Fine Arts Volunteer Hour Tracker, Form FA-4 (DOS link), effective September 2024.

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