

Arizona State Seal of Arts Proficiency

Amphitheater School District

General Governing Board Meeting 10/13/2020

Fine Arts Seal Background

- Sponsored by Senator Paul Boyer, the bill SB1111 had bipartisan support and was signed into law by Governor Doug Ducey on May 14, 2019.
- The initiative was facilitated by the Arizona Department of Education's Title IV-A office, along with the Round Table Advisory Committee and parent advisory committees throughout the state.
- The bill began as an opportunity to provide students with a pathway to career exploration in Arizona's Creative Industry, which accounted for 4.4 percent of all businesses (14,522 total) and 2.4 percent of all employees (74,688 in total) in Arizona in 2017, according to Americans For The Arts.
- The inaugural year saw 58 schools across 19 LEAs offer the Seal, and 591 High School Seniors graduated with the Seal in May 2020.

Amphitheater School District Plan

- The Amphitheater proposed plan was submitted and approved by the ADE Title IV-A office on Friday, October 2nd (pending LEA final approval).
- Seniors at all three Amphitheater high schools will have the opportunity to complete the requirements. Amphi offers 52 Fine Arts and CTE/JTED courses that students can choose from, and they must pass each course counting towards the Seal with a “B” or better.
- Students must complete a total of 80 hours of related extracurricular activities (e.g. extracurricular rehearsals or performance, volunteering, community arts events, competing at state-wide festivals). Hours from the previous 3 years can be retro-actively included.
- The final component is a student capstone project in the form of an Online Portfolio using a Google Site or another website creation platform such as Weebly or Wix. The project must showcase student work in their desired discipline and sum up their experiences in the arts during their time in Amphitheater’s Arts programs.

Timeline For Amphitheater Plan

- November 30, 2020 - Students must select a mentor teacher and submit their application for the Seal to the teacher.
- February 12, 2021- Students must meet with their mentor teacher by this date, documented by a form for the teacher to determine the student's progress towards completing the requirements.
- March 26, 2021 - Students must complete all requirements, and must meet with their mentor teacher one more time to confirm all prerequisites have been met to receive the diploma seal.
- April 16, 2021 - The Amphi Fine Arts Seal coordinator must submit the Seal Achievement Report to the ADE for approval.
- May 3, 2021 - Districts receive Diploma Seals for qualifying graduates.

LEA/Student/Teacher Required Forms

- Coordinator: LEA list of Participating High Schools
- Coordinator: LEA list of Courses offered with corresponding Arizona State Course Catalog number
- Student: Student Procedures Packet and Application
- Student: Extracurricular Activities Tracking Sheet
- Teacher: Student Capstone Project Rubric Teacher Evaluation
- Teacher: Final Mentor Teacher Approval Form (pending final LEA approval)
- Coordinator: Seal Achievement Report submitted to ADE April 16

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