

POLICY 105-9

FINE ARTS PROGRAMS

The Board is committed to supporting fine arts programs in public schools. The Department shall assist Department schools in establishing and maintaining robust fine arts programs.

The goals of the Department's fine arts programs shall be to:

- Provide access to fine arts programs for all students (K-12);
- Ensure appropriate staff, materials, equipment, and facilities are available to support these programs;
- Exist as an integral part of the curriculum, providing understanding appropriate to the maturity, needs, and interest of students;
- Ensure elementary classroom teachers have a broad knowledge of Fine Arts concepts;
- Ensure that students in Hawaii's public schools graduate with a proficient level of understanding of fine art concepts; and
- Maintain and develop partnerships with fine arts organizations, professional artists, and the community to ensure expanded and diverse opportunities.

Rationale: Fine arts programs, which include dance, music, theatre, and visual arts, are an integral part of the academic program for all students (K-12) and the value and benefits of fine arts education has been extensively acknowledged. The arts help students broaden their understanding of the world and the diverse cultural influences that surround them. Fine arts education enables students to develop critical thinking skills, creativity, character, discipline, and an appreciation of diversity.

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