

# Florida Seal of Fine Arts Program

## Guide for School District Administrators & Art Teachers

The Florida Seal of Fine Arts Program was created to encourage fine arts students to develop expertise in the performing or visual arts.

Florida Statute 1003.4321

## Who Qualifies for the Florida Seal of Fine Arts?

A student is eligible for this honor if they meet the following requirements:

- Earns a standard high school diploma;
- Completes at least 3 year-long fine arts courses with a grade of "A" or higher in each; and
- Meets a minimum of two of the following requirements:
  1. Completes a Fine Art IB, AP, dual enrollment or honors course with a grade of "B" or higher.
  2. Participates in a district or statewide organization's juried event for 2 or more years.\*
  3. Records at least 25 volunteer hours of arts-related community service + comprehensive presentation on experience.
  4. Meets the requirements of a portfolio-based program identifying the student as an exemplary practitioner of the fine arts.\*\*
  5. Receives district, state, or national recognition for the creation and submission of an original work of art.\*\*\*

### \*What Qualifies as a Juried Event?

**Option #2: "Participates in a district or statewide organization's juried event for 2 or more years."**

#### District-wide art exhibitions?

- If works are adjudicated, then yes.
- If works are collected for open entry, then no.

#### FAEA Florida Student Art Assessment (previously the K-12 Student Art Assessment & Virtual Exhibition)?

- Yes, this is an adjudicated event.

#### Scholastic Art & Writing Awards?

- Yes, this is an adjudicated event.

#### Art Festival in your community?

- No, not considered a "district or statewide" event

#### Local organization's art poster contest?

- No, not considered a "district or statewide" event

### \*\*\*What Qualifies as Recognition for the Submission of an Original Work of Art?

**Option #5: "Receives district, state, or national recognition for the creation and submission of an original work of art."**

"Work of art" means a musical or theatrical composition, visual artwork, or choreographed routine or performance.

#### Awards in the following events (not an all-inclusive list) qualify:

- FAEA Florida Student Art Assessment
- Scholastic Art & Writing Awards
- District-Level Art Competitions
- Florida Hispanic Heritage Art Contest
- PTA Reflections
- Congressional Art Contest
- YoungArts

### \*\*What Qualifies as an Exemplary Practitioner of the Fine Arts in a Portfolio-Based Program?

**Option #4: "Meets the requirements of a portfolio-based program identifying the student as an exemplary practitioner of the fine arts."**

- Florida State Fair Senior Portfolio Contest Award Winner
- Scholastic Art & Writing Awards Portfolio Award Winner

### How Can Students Apply & Considerations for School Districts

- Applications and verification of completed requirements will need to be tracked at the district level.
- Consider coordinating with your district's counseling team and/or the person/team that oversees the Seal of Bilingual program in your district.
- Consider an online survey where students can enter their contact information, school, and teacher, as well as upload supporting documents.
- Set a deadline early enough that you have time to process applications and verify grades and completion of tasks. [February /March]