

# Ventura USD

## Board Policy

### Visual And Performing Arts

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#### **Instruction**

The Governing Board recognizes that Arts Education, including dance, media arts, music, theatre, and visual arts, is part of the core curriculum for all K-12 students and that the value and benefits of arts education have been extensively documented. The Board also recognizes that instruction in the basic skills and content knowledge of the arts develops perceptual abilities that extend to all careers and areas of life. An arts education enables students to develop an appreciation of the arts, critical and creative thinking skills, initiative, self-expression, self-esteem, and discipline.

Given the richness in diversity and multiculturalism in the State of California and the city of Ventura, the arts build bridges between cultures by helping pupils broaden their perspectives to better understand their world and the diverse cultural influences that surround them. Communication, imagination, appreciation for various cultures, and information are keys to career opportunities, education, and a lifelong appreciation of the arts. Therefore, it is the policy of the Ventura Unified School District to acquaint all students with the joy of the arts so they can perform, produce, and appreciate what art can do for them and for the world.

The Board encourages development, implementation, and evaluation of quality, standards-based sequential and comprehensive pre-K through adult arts education, with equity and access for all. The arts education program should enable students to achieve the goals outlined in the Content Standards for California Public Schools and the National Core Arts Standards.

The Board also encourages the integration of community arts resources into the educational program. Such resources may include opportunities for students to attend musical and theatrical performances, observe the works of accomplished artists, and work directly with artists-in-residence and volunteers.

The Superintendent or designee shall develop a budgeted plan, establish procedures to implement Board policies, and provide for the ongoing review, evaluation and development of the District's Arts Education program.

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