

Criteria for Schools and Students

JCPS Diploma Seal of Arts Excellence

Criteria for Eligibility

1. **The student is eligible to earn a high school diploma.**
 - a. The student currently is a senior in good standing; AND
 - b. The student attends a school that provides the opportunity to earn a Seal of Arts Excellence.
2. **The student earns three Visual and Performing Arts credits in one Arts Program¹ of interest, demonstrating sustained specialization in one Arts discipline. The student must earn a B or higher in each required arts course in the selected Arts Program.**
 - a. A school must design a Visual and Performing Arts course sequence based on the courses available in the JCPS Course Catalog (aligned with the Searchable State Course Code Database) that meets students' needs for each arts program offered. Schools identify a required sequence of courses that develops students' knowledge, skills, techniques, etc., so they may succeed beyond the secondary level.
 - b. The "local district assures that all students have had access and opportunity to learn the standards contained in the Kentucky Academic Standards. 704 KAR 3:303 and 704 KAR Chapter 8" (40). Thus, local decisions must ensure that students "have had access and opportunity to learn the standards" in the KAS for Visual and Performing Arts.
3. **The student exhibits an advanced demonstration as determined by the KAS for Visual and Performing Arts (*refer to the HS Advanced Performance Standards*) and evidenced by a student-submitted, student-curated collection of evidence/portfolio² that constitutes mastery of learning within the four arts processes (Creating, Performing/Producing/Presenting, Responding and Connecting) of the identified Arts Program.**

¹All high schools establish a sequence of specialized courses for the Arts Programs they will offer. Arts Programs have always provided a clear academic pathway for students to be prepared to apply to post-secondary arts programs and conservatories. Schools will submit to the district their sequence of courses for each Arts Program they will offer. Instructions for course selection and submission to be provided. Arts Programs may be established for:

- Dance
- Music
 - Instrumental
 - Vocal
- Theatre
 - Acting/Performance
 - Technical Theatre
- Visual Arts

²A Portfolio is a collection of evidence. District portfolio requirements and scoring guides for each Arts Program to be provided.