

# **POLICY IHAF**

## **Board of Education Las Cruces Public Schools**

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**Related Entries:** IHAF-R  
**Responsible Office:** Associate Superintendent for Instruction

### **VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS EDUCATION**

#### **I. PURPOSE**

To ensure a comprehensive curriculum includes visual and performing arts education as part of the instructional program available to all students in all grades.

#### **II. BACKGROUND**

The Board of Education recognizes that arts education, including dance, music, theater, and visual arts, is an integral part of a basic education for all students. Arts education enables students to develop critical thinking skills, initiative, discipline, and perceptual abilities that extend to all areas of life.

#### **III. POSITION**

- A. The K-12 arts education program should enable students to achieve the goals outlined in the New Mexico Arts Education Content Standards and Benchmarks.
- B. As appropriate, the Board encourages all teachers to use the arts to facilitate learning in other subjects of the core curricula, including history, geography, language arts, mathematics, and science.
- C. The Superintendent shall promulgate a regulation for the implementation of this policy.

#### **IV. REVIEW**

This policy shall be reviewed on an ongoing basis in accordance with the Board of Education policy review process.



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*Board of Education, President*

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*Date Approved*

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