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.

Board of Education, President

Date Approved

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