

DCPS Seal of Fine Arts 2021-2022

Duval County Public Schools Seal of Fine Arts: Objectives

Initiated in 2022, the goals of the Duval County Public Schools Seal of Fine Arts are:

- To celebrate students who demonstrate high levels of commitment and proficiency in the fine arts (cinematic arts, dance, instrumental music, theatre, visual art, vocal music) through personal expression and creative experiences in fine arts education programs
- To explore innovative pathways in the fine arts that cultivate skills for 21st century success
- To prepare students for college and career readiness through active participation in artistic endeavors
- To promote increased access to well-rounded, high-quality fine arts education across the district

Student Requirements to Qualify for the DCPS Seal of Fine Arts

To qualify for the Seal of Fine Arts, a student will complete:

1. A final GPA of 3.5 in each qualifying fine arts course and an overall GPA of 2.5
2. A minimum of 3 credits in one artistic discipline (dance, music, theatre, visual arts, or cinematic arts)
3. Letter of Recommendation from a Fine Arts Educator who works with the applicant
4. Artist Statement submitted by applicant (200-500 words) addressing how the arts have impacted their life/what the arts mean to them/where they see themselves using the arts in their life beyond the classroom
5. At least one of the following:
 - a. Two years of participation in a district, regional, state, or national fine arts event(s) including, but not limited to:
 - i. Honor Music Ensembles
 - ii. District Music Performance Assessments (MPAs)
 - iii. Thespians
 - iv. Award recipient through the DCPS High School Art Exhibition
 - v. Award recipient through Scholastic Art Awards

OR

- b. Submission of a Fine Arts Portfolio (Visual Art Portfolio or a Performance Portfolio) *See page 4

Qualifying Fine Arts Course Options:

Visual Arts

- 2D Studio Art 1, 2, 3H
- 3D Studio Art 1, 2, 3H
- Ceramics/Pottery 1, 2, 3, 4H
- Cinematic Arts
- Creative Photography 1, 2, 3H
- Digital Art
- Drawing 1, 2, 3 Honors (H)
- Painting 1, 2, 3H
- Sculpture 1, 2, 3H
- Figure Drawing
- Printmaking 1, 2
- AP Studio Art 1, 2, 3
- IB Visual Art 1, 2, 3
- Portfolio Development: 2D, 2D Design, 3D

Dance

- Ballet 1, 2, 3, 4 Honors (H)
- Dance Repertory 1, 2, 3H, 4H
- Dance Techniques 1, 2, 3H, 4H
- Dance Choreography 1, 2H

Music

- Band 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 Honors (H), 6H
- Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4, 5H, 6H
- Eurythmics 1, 2, 3, 4
- Guitar 1, 2, 3, 4H
- Instrumental Ensemble 1, 2, 3, 4H
- Instrumental Techniques 1, 2, 3, 4H
- Jazz Ensemble 1, 2, 3, 4H
- Keyboard 1, 2, 3, 4H
- Marching Band 1
- Music Ensemble 1, 2, 3, 4H
- Music Technology & Sound Engineering 1, 2
- Orchestra 1, 2, 3, 4, 5H, 6H
- Vocal Ensemble 1, 2, 3, 4H
- Vocal Techniques 1, 2, 3

Theatre

- Acting 1, 2, 3, 4 Honors (H)
- Musical Theatre 1, 2, 3
- Technical Theatre: Costume, Hair, & Makeup
- Technical Theatre Design & Production 1, 2, 3, 4H
- Technical Theatre: Scenery & Props
- Theatre 1, 2, 3H, 4H
- Theatre Improvisation
- Voice & Diction

Visual Art or Performance Portfolio Submission

Visual Art or Performance Portfolio

A portfolio encompasses a project-based learning opportunity for a student to showcase the culmination of their knowledge and communicate with an intended audience through their medium while fostering real-world skills and experience. The portfolio process should encourage learners to apply their knowledge and mastery of their fine arts area in a way that interests them and furthers their individual goals. Through the Visual Art or Performance Portfolio, students should demonstrate their artistic literacy through their ability to Create, Perform/Present/Produce, Connect, and Respond to their world as an artist.

Project Requirements

We require all submissions to have an observable outcome which must include one of the following: a collection of 4 original artworks, a recorded performance, an original script or design as specified within the arts areas below, or a project of student design. Works submitted for consideration should be created during the student's tenure as a high school student.

Visual Arts

- Submit a collection of 4 works of original artworks with some sort of unifying theme or media use (submit works digitally via images with spreadsheet [linked at the end of this document] including work title, media, dimensions, year of work creation).

Music

- Writing or composing an original song (submit sheet music)
- Performing an original song (submit sheet music & video)
- Creating an original underscore for a film or performance inspired by themes of the work

Theatre

- Writing and performing an original one-act (submit script & video)
- Designing costumes, lighting, or set for a school or community production (submit design)
- Devising an original show with an ensemble (submit script and recording of performance)

Dance

- Choreographing a number for a musical or stage production (submit recording of performance)
- Creating a methodology for annotating movement
- Creating an original dance film (submit recording of film)

Submission Process for Seal of Fine Arts Materials

Application and supporting materials will be submitted via the application survey link below. Prior to completing the application, you will need to ensure you have completed the artist statement, you have a digital copy of your letter of recommendation, and any portfolio submission materials ready to upload.

Use the links below to learn more about how portfolio submissions will be adjudicated (portfolio submission rubric), to access the Visual Art Portfolio Submission Spreadsheet required for any visual art portfolio submissions, and the link to the application itself.

[Portfolio Submission Rubric](#)
[Visual Art Works Submission Spreadsheet](#)
[Seal of Fine Arts Application](#)

Timeline for Spring 2022

Deadline	Task
January 3-7, 2022	Seal Information, Application & Submission Requirements Posted to the DCPS Fine Arts Website
March 25, 2022	Application, Submissions due to Fine Arts Office via survey link above
March 28-April 8, 2022	Application, Submissions Reviewed & Adjudicated
April 13, 2022	Results Sent to Students, Mentor Teachers & School Admin
May 2, 2022	Schools receive diploma seals for qualifying graduates

Questions? Assistance Needed?

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