Administrative Memo

Date: April 24, 2019
To: School Administrators
From: Blaine Henningsen, assistant commissioner
Subject: CCR-19-003 – Fine Arts Standards

The updated Fine Arts Standards for grades PK-Grade 12 were approved on Tuesday, April 16, by the State Board of Education. The new Fine Arts Standards include revised dance, music, theatre, and visual arts expectations. They also include new media arts expectations for grades PK-Grade 12.

Missouri school districts will develop their own curriculum to teach the revised standards, which become effective in the 2019-20 school year. Missouri students must earn one fine arts credit to meet the state’s graduation requirements.

Please visit the Missouri Learning Standards page at https://dese.mo.gov/college-career-readiness/curriculum/fine-arts to access copies of the approved standards and other information shared with the State Board of Education.

You may direct questions regarding Fine Arts standards to curriculum@dese.mo.gov.