

## Fine Arts Standards Review and Possible Revision

At its February, 2017 meeting, the Missouri State School Board authorized the convening of workgroups (as outlined in Section 160.154, RSMo) to review and possibly make recommendations for new Fine Arts learning expectations. Statute requires that a workgroup consisting of 16 K-5 educators and 17 6-12 educators be assembled to review the existing standards.

At its October, 2017 meeting, the State Board finalized its approval of the workgroup committee membership.

### Work Group Process Documents

- [Timeline](#)
- [Form to Capture Thinking](#)
- [General Letter Sent to Workgroup Members](#)
- [Fine Arts Workgroups Orientation PowerPoint](#)
- Workgroup Members: [K-5](#) | [6-12](#)
- [Fine Arts Public Hearing Notice](#) (August 2018)

### Fine Arts Work Group Updates

**\*Update:** On Feb 2nd, 2018 the Fine Arts Workgroups met as a large committee to review the Missouri Fine Arts Learning Standards in the areas of Dance, Music, Theatre, and Visual Arts. We are working to review and research current practices and standards in order to align learning for Missouri students with state content and process standards as well as with current best practices in the Fine Arts. The members of both work groups have agreed to collaborate both vertically, with each work group coming together to align kindergarten - 12th grades, and across all fine art content areas to assure unity and consistency. The group will meet again, as a whole, April 16th in Jefferson City.

**\*Update:** On April 16th, 2018 the Fine Arts Workgroups met as a large committee to review the Missouri Fine Arts Learning Standards in the areas of Dance, Music, Theatre, and Visual Arts. We have researched updated state and national standards, as well as examined what is currently being practiced in various Missouri schools. Modeled after the National Fine Arts Standards, and after careful consideration and vetting of the language used, we are crafting standards that reflect a 21st century approach to artistic literacy and its connection to college and career readiness. Examining the needs of Missouri students, the workgroups have also decided to write Media Arts standards to benefit the future of Missouri schools. Taking note of trends in employment and career opportunities, the Fine Arts workgroup is committed to developing standards that reflect what is best for Missouri students. The group will meet again, as a whole, June 11th in Jefferson City before presenting our update at the Board of Education meeting on June 12th.

**\*Update: The report to the State Board of Education public hearing on the progress of the Missouri Fine Arts Standards originally scheduled for June 12th has been postponed to the August 14th meeting.**

On June 11th, 2018 the Fine Arts Work Groups met as a large committee to continue the development of the Missouri Fine Arts Learning Standards in the areas of Dance, Media Arts, Music, Theatre, and Visual Arts. We broke into our specialized content areas to continue to align grade level standards to the Show-Me process and content standards. Each established content area has finished adding Missouri standards to the specific curriculum documents and has now begun to create a Standards Crosswalk that connects the older Grade Level Expectations to the proposed revised standards. The Media Arts standards have yet to be completed and will be worked on as a collaborative effort between each specialized area of Fine Arts. The work group plans to meet again, in Jefferson City, one more time before the August State Board of Education meeting, on August 14th.

**\*Update:** On July 16th, August 3rd and 6th, 2018, representatives of the Fine Arts Work Groups met to continue progress on the development of the Missouri Fine Arts Learning Standards. The work on these days specifically focused on developing the crosswalks for the Visual Arts, Music and Theater standards, connecting the new standards to the previously adopted Grade Level Expectations. An update on the Work Group's progress will be made at a [public hearing during the August Board of Education meeting on August 14th, 2018.](#)

**\*Update:** On August 14<sup>th</sup> 8:30 am, leadership from the Fine Arts Standards Work Group presented an update on their progress, followed by a public hearing on Fine Arts Standards revision at the State Board Meeting Room at the Jefferson Building, 205 Jefferson Street, Jefferson City.

**\*Fine Arts Standards Revision Update:**

On September 10, 2018, representatives of the Fine Arts Work Groups met to continue progress on the development of the Missouri Fine Arts Learning Standards. The work focused on finishing the crosswalks between the new Visual Arts, Music and Theater standards and the previously adopted Grade Level Expectations, creating glossaries, and supplemental assessment examples.

**\*Update:** On October 19, 2018, representatives of the Fine Arts Work Groups met to continue progress on the development of the Missouri Fine Arts Learning Standards. The work focused on finishing the crosswalks between the new Dance, Visual Arts, Music and Theatre Missouri Learning Standards and the previously adopted Grade Level Expectations, creating glossaries, and reviewing the GLE drafts.

**\*Update:** On November 5, 2018, representatives of the Fine Arts Work Groups met to continue progress on the development of the Missouri Fine Arts Learning Expectations. The work focused on

proofreading the GLE's, Crosswalks, and Glossaries for the new Dance, Visual Arts, Music and Theatre Missouri Learning Standards.

The workgroups will present the first draft of the GLE's at the State Board of Education meeting December 6, 2018.

**\*Update: December 6, 2018**

On December 6<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 AM, leadership representatives from the Fine Arts Standards Workgroup presented their work to the Missouri State Board of Education. Click here to review their presentation and [read the standards](#).

A public comment period followed the presentation.

The proposed New Missouri Fine Arts Expectations were available for public review and commentary from December 6, 2018, through January 31, 2019. To read the Expectations please [click here](#).

**\*Update: February 1, 2019**

The Fine Arts Standards Workgroup will meet February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019 in Jefferson City, The Governor's Office Building, Room 470, from 9:00AM to 4:00PM to review public comments on the Proposed Fine Arts Standards in Visual Art, Music, Dance, Theater and Music. The public comment period for the Proposed Fine Arts Standards ended on January 31, 2019.

**\*Update: February 21, 2019**

Fine Arts Standards: Pre-Kindergarten to Grade 12 Course-Level Expectations

- Revised Timeline of Events
  - Wednesday, March 6
    - The following documents are submitted to DESE.
      - Final, edited Pre-Kindergarten, Grade and Course Level Expectation recommendations in Music, Visual Art, Theater, Dance and Media Arts
      - Crosswalks with the current Arts Grade Level Expectations in Music, Visual Art, Theater and Dance
      - Workgroup responses to comments and frequently asked questions from the public comment period
      - A Glossary of terms
  - Thursday, March 7
    - Final recommendations sent to Legislatures Joint Committee on Education for review
  - Monday, April 1
    - Documents for State Board of Education Review posted on DESE website.
  - Monday, April 15 or Tuesday, April 16, State Board Meeting in Saint Louis
    - Dr. Blaine Henningsen and Tom Tobias will present the edited Workgroup recommendations to the State Board for approval. The Workgroup leaders will be present to answer questions from the State Board.

