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Fine Art Standards

**Fine Arts Exhibit 1**

**Date Submitted: August 14, 2014**

**Kim Evander, Educator (teacher, administrator, curriculum director, SPED director, ect)**

I would like it organized so music levels were all together, visual arts were all together, etc. For teachers that teach multiple levels, it would be much more convenient. It was very confusing trying to jump around the pdf...

**Fine Arts Exhibit 2**

**Date Submitted: September 3, 2014**

**No Name Submitted, Parent**

Looks good, keep up the good work.

**Fine Arts Exhibit 3**

**Date Submitted: September 4, 2014**

**Dawn Hilgenkamp, Parent**

Pre-Kindergarten kids should not be learning about body parts and body types in school at such a young age. This is something that parents will teach at this age. At this age this is not part of Fine Art. It is not age appropriate. I am not happy with these standards and I do not want them in our schools.

**Fine Arts Exhibit 4**

**Date Submitted: September 10, 2014**

**Patricia Boyd, Representing an Organization or Agency**

Proposed Fine Arts Standards The presentation of the proposed revisions in South Dakota's K-12 Fine Arts Standards is an articulated response to the need for better access to the arts as learning skills, for all teachers at all grade levels. Taken together, designed by grade level to parallel progression through all subjects, they produce a tremendous resource for education in South Dakota. These practices are by no means restricted to visual or performing arts classes, but are used by teachers in all subjects, every day. Learning research and resulting data continue to demonstrate the effectiveness of intentional application of the arts in teaching, across curriculum. These revisions are designed and written to strengthen the foundational aspects of arts instruction K-12. They are also intended to serve as a resource to help teachers design courses of study using grade-level appropriate arts principles and practices to enhance development of observation, solutions, presentation, response and connections. The proposed revisions to fine arts standards are in line with South Dakota's overall goal of preparing students proficient and ready for career and college. We believe they merit adoption. Thank you for your consideration, Patricia Boyd Executive Director South Dakotans for the Arts

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**Fine Arts Exhibit 5**

**Date Submitted: September 11, 2014**  
**Rebecca Cruse, Representing an Organization or Agency**

Dear South Dakota State Board of Education:

I would like to urge your approval of the proposed fine arts standards on behalf of the South Dakota Arts Council. As the state arts agency, we are pleased with the concepts and specificity included in the revised standards. We are also impressed with the expertise of the diverse group of professionals involved in the revision process.

As the director of arts education for the SDAC, I had the opportunity to observe and discuss the revision process with the teachers who worked on this over the summer. Their focus and commitment will result in increased functionality, clarity, and collaboration in South Dakota classrooms.

The revisions will benefit teachers and students. Clearly identifying the artistic processes of creating, performing, responding, and connecting within each arts discipline, makes the fine arts standards far more accessible than they are currently. Furthermore, the breakdown of each process with the anchor standards and the specific outcomes expected at each grade level makes for attainable goals in all classrooms, for all teachers. The benefits to arts specialists are obvious, but I believe teachers in all content areas will find these revisions beneficial.

Teaching artists will also be able to use these standards in our Artists in Schools & Communities program. Their residencies will be able to clearly connect to classroom goals.

The SDAC has a long history of support and development of standards-based arts education. Depth of learning in the arts helps children become intelligent, successful adults.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
Rebecca Cruse  
Assistant Director South Dakota Arts Council South Dakota Department of Tourism