



Arizona State Seal of Arts Proficiency

AMPHITHEATER SCHOOL DISTRICT
STUDENT/PARENT MEETING 11/19/2020

Fine Arts Seal Background

- ▶ Sponsored by Senator Paul Boyer, the bill SB1111 had bipartisan support and was signed into law by Governor Doug Ducey on May 14, 2019.
- ▶ The initiative was facilitated by the Arizona Department of Education's Title IV-A office, along with the Round Table Advisory Committee and parent advisory committees throughout the state.
- ▶ The bill began as an opportunity to provide students with a pathway to career exploration in Arizona's Creative Industry, which accounted for 4.4 percent of all businesses (14,522 total) and 2.4 percent of all employees (74,688 in total) in Arizona in 2017, according to Americans For The Arts.
- ▶ The inaugural year saw 58 schools across 19 LEAs offer the Seal, and 591 High School Seniors graduated with the Seal in May 2020.

Amphitheater School District Plan

- ▶ The Amphitheater proposed plan was submitted and approved by the ADE Title IV-A office on October 2nd, and approved by the Amphi Governing Board on October 13th.
- ▶ Seniors at all three Amphitheater high schools will have the opportunity to complete the requirements. Amphi offers [52 Fine Arts and CTE/JTED courses](#) that students can choose from, and they must pass each of the four courses counting towards the Seal with a “B” or better.
- ▶ Students must complete a total of 80 hours of related extracurricular activities (e.g. extracurricular rehearsals or performance, volunteering, community arts events, competing or volunteering at state-wide festivals). Hours from the previous 3 years can be retroactively included.
- ▶ The final component is a student capstone project in the form of an Online Portfolio using a Google Site or another website creation platform such as Weebly or Wix. Examples are available on the [Student Procedures Packet and Application](#). The project must showcase student work in their desired discipline and sum up their experiences in the arts during their time in Amphitheater’s Arts programs.

Timeline For Amphitheater Plan

- ▶ November 30, 2020 – Students must select a mentor teacher and submit their application for the Seal to the teacher.
- ▶ February 12, 2021 – Students must meet with their mentor teacher by this date for the first of two meetings discussing progress towards the Seal.
- ▶ March 26, 2021 – Students must complete all requirements by this date, and must meet with their mentor teacher one more time to confirm all prerequisites have been met to receive the diploma seal.
- ▶ April 16, 2021 – The Amphi Fine Arts Seal coordinator must submit the Seal Achievement Report to the ADE for approval.
- ▶ May 3, 2021 – Districts receive Diploma Seals for qualifying graduates.

Student Responsibilities

- ▶ Meet with a mentor teacher (can be the teacher of your arts discipline) and discuss your plan for completing the seal. You must meet with your mentor teacher at least twice before the March 26 deadline.
- ▶ Verify eligibility with a school counselor to show a “B” or better in all qualifying classes for the Seal. If completing a credit in Spring 2021, 3rd quarter grades will be used to determine if a student is on track to complete the requirements for the Seal.
- ▶ Obtain signatures of adult supervisors in charge of extracurricular activities totaling 80 hours throughout the high school career.
- ▶ Begin to plan and create a Capstone Project to showcase your work as a scholar of the Fine Arts, adhering to the Capstone Rubric found on the Student Procedures Packet and Application.
- ▶ Complete the Capstone Project and 80 hours of extracurricular activities by March 26, 2021.

Teacher/Student Required Documents

- ▶ Student: [Student Procedures Packet and Application](#) due November 30, 2020 to Mentor Teacher.
- ▶ Student: [Extracurricular Activities Tracking Sheet](#) due March 26 2021, to mentor teacher.
- ▶ Student: Send a link of the completed Capstone Project website to mentor teacher due March 26, 2021.
- ▶ Teacher: Teacher Final Verification Page due to Fine Arts Seal coordinator on April 9, 2021.
- ▶ Coordinator: Seal Achievement Report submitted to ADE April 16, 2021.

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