



Clark County Public Schools Seal of Arts Excellence Overview

This document overviews how Clark County students may earn the Seal of Arts Excellence upon their high school graduation. In 2022, the Kentucky Department of Education established guidelines for how districts can establish a Seal of Arts Excellence to recognize advanced student achievement and specialization in the arts, and the following information is in accordance with those guidelines.

Clark County Public Schools has established this Seal of Arts Excellence to not only honor high achieving student artists within our district but to affirm the importance of the arts to our community and to public schools. We seek to create and support life-long artists, whether they choose to pursue a career in the arts or simply aim to make creating art an important part of their post-high school lives.

Special thanks to the Fayette County Public Schools Fine Arts Department for allowing their Seal of Arts Excellence to serve as a model for us.

Beginning with the George Rogers Clark High School class of 2025, students may earn the Seal of Arts Excellence in one of the following areas:

- Music
- Drama
- Dance
- Visual Art

The accompanying documents detail the specific requirements for earning the Seal in each respective area.

For all areas, earning the Seal of Arts Excellence requires a high school course load of at least four classes that will build upon the skills in their chosen artform as well as a demonstration of their artistry through a portfolio that includes documents, videos, and other pieces of evidence to be evaluated by a panel. Students that complete the

requirements and earn a score of 15 or higher on their portfolio submission will be eligible to receive the Seal of Arts Excellence.

The evidence of students' work will comport with the core National Arts Standards:

<p style="text-align: center;">Creating</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Conceiving and developing new artistic ideas and work</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Anchor Standard 1: Generate and conceptualize artistic ideas and work• Anchor Standard 2: Organize and develop artistic ideas and work<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Anchor Standard 3: Refine and complete artistic work
<p style="text-align: center;">Performing/Presenting/Producing</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Realizing, interpreting, presenting, and sharing artistic ideas and work</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Anchor Standard 4: Select, analyze, and interpret artistic work for presentation<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Anchor Standard 5: Develop and refine artistic techniques and work for presentation• Anchor Standard 6: Convey meaning through the presentation of artistic work
<p style="text-align: center;">Responding</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Understanding and evaluating how the arts convey meaning</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Anchor Standard 7: Perceive and analyze artistic work• Anchor Standard 8: Interpret intent and meaning in artistic work• Anchor Standard 9: Apply criteria to evaluate artistic work
<p style="text-align: center;">Connecting</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Relating artistic ideas and work with personal meaning and external context</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Anchor Standard 10: Synthesize and relate knowledge and personal experiences to make art• Anchor Standard 11: Relate artistic ideas and works with societal, cultural, and historical context to deepen understanding

More information about the National Arts Standards can be found at www.nationalartsstandards.org

Students seeking the Seal of Arts Excellence shall:

- Complete the Intent to Apply for the Clark County Seal of Arts Excellence form by **November 1** of their senior year. This form can be found at www.grcfinearts.com.
- Submit the required portfolio components for their specific art form using the Google Forms at www.grcfinearts.com. All required items must be submitted by **March 1** of their senior year

George Rogers Clark High School and arts faculty shall:

- Disseminate information to families and students, particularly before they attend GRC
- Organize the scoring panel for portfolios
- Complete scoring of portfolios by **March 30** of each year
- Guide students through the assembly of their portfolios and planning of their course load
- Provide information about community partners and external opportunities for enrichment and artistic development

Students earning the Seal of Arts Excellence will receive the following forms of recognition:

- Emblem on their high school diploma
- Regalia to be worn at graduation
- Verbal recognition at graduation
- Recognition at Senior Honors Night
- Notation on Infinite Campus transcript stating attainment of the Seal of Arts Excellence

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