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MEMORANDUM

TO: School District Superintendents

FROM: Paul O. Burns, Ed.D.

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SUBJECT: Rule 6A-1.09952, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.), Requirements for the Florida Seal of Fine Arts

On August 21, 2024, the State Board of Education approved [Rule 6A-1.09952, F.A.C.](#) This rule will become effective September 24, 2024. Below is a summary of the new rule and the documents which are incorporated within it.

The Florida Seal of Fine Arts Program was established to recognize high school graduates who have met exemplary benchmarks in fine arts coursework. The purpose of the Florida Seal of Fine Arts Program is to encourage students to develop an exemplary level of proficiency in the performing or visual arts.

Criteria specified in Rule 6A-1.09952, F.A.C. for the Florida Seal of Fine Arts Program:

- Pursuant to [Section 1003.4321 F.S.](#), Florida Seal of Fine Arts Program for high school graduates, prospective students must successfully be awarded a high school diploma and receive an “A” or higher for three years in a selected fine arts discipline.
- Additionally, students will have an opportunity to select two of five options of their choice to meet the additional criteria.
 1. Completed a Fine Arts International Baccalaureate, advanced placement, dual enrollment or honors course with a grade of “B” or higher;
 2. Participated in a district or statewide organization’s juried event as a selected student participant for two (2) or more years;
 3. Recorded at least 25 volunteer hours of arts-related community service in his or her community and presents a comprehensive presentation on his or her experiences pursuant to district procedures;
 4. Submits a portfolio that demonstrates the student is an exemplary practitioner of fine arts, as described in paragraph (4) of the rule; or
 5. Received district, state or national recognition for the creation and submission of an original work of art.
- Once students have met all the required criteria, they will be assessed by their school district, which will determine if they are eligible for the Florida Seal of Fine Arts.

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The following documents are incorporated in Rule 6A-1.09952, F.A.C.:

- Florida Seal of Fine Arts Eligibility Form (Form FA-1) Optional
- Florida Seal of Fine Arts Portfolio Rubric (Form FA-2) Required
- Florida Seal of Fine Arts Statement (Form FA-3) Required
- Florida Seal of Fine Arts Volunteer Hour Tracker (Form FA-4) Optional

Each school district shall maintain appropriate records to identify a student who has met the requirements to receive a Florida Seal of Fine Arts and provide the Commissioner of Education with the number of students who have met the requirements to receive the Florida Seal of Fine Arts. Each school district shall affix the appropriate insignia to the student's diploma. Each school district shall indicate on the student's transcript that he or she has earned a Florida Seal of Fine Arts.

The design will be adopted in [Rule 6A-1.0995, F.A.C.](#), Form of High School Diplomas and Certificates of Completion, and, once approved by the State Board of Education, districts will be able to access it on the Florida Department of Education website under [Fine Arts](#).

A school district or the department may not charge a fee for the Florida Seal of Fine Arts.

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