



Fine Arts Proficiency Seal

The Fine Arts Seal is awarded to graduating high school students who complete an Arizona Fine Arts Pathway and engage in additional fine arts or career and technical education courses; fine arts-related extracurricular activities and community service, and the presentation of a Fine Arts Capstone Project.

Requirements for the SUSD Fine Arts Diploma Seal

1. A final **GPA of 3.0 or 4.0** in each of the qualifying arts/career and technical education (CTE) courses.
2. **4 minimum credit** requirements in one of the following ways:
 - a. A minimum of **4 credits** in one artistic discipline: (dance, music, theatre, visual arts, or media arts) or;
 - b. **3 credits** in one artistic discipline; and **1 credit** in a qualifying creative industries CTE credit or separate discipline; or
 - c. **2 credits** in one artistic discipline, and **2 credits** in a qualifying creative industries CTE course or separate artistic discipline.
3. **80 hours** of arts related extracurricular activities
4. A **student capstone** project

Extra-Curricular and Community Service Activities that will work towards 80 hours:

For Music, Theatre, Dance, and Visual Arts students may could extracurricular activities only if they participate beyond their required curricular expectations. No hours for curricular required events may be used. Below are some possible activities and community service ideas.

- Regional and All-State events
- Solo & Ensemble Festival
- Performing in Community Groups
- Participate in production of after school shows
- Participate in youth theatres
- Assist in feeder programs through – theatre, private lessons, assisting or hosting activities at feeder school events
- Enter in art competitions
- Participation or assistance at arts related competitions or workshops
- Performing at community events or special events

- Working at events that benefit arts groups
- Performing maintenance, clerical work or other supportive services to an arts organization including those in the school
- Providing tutoring/coaching services to young artist

Please make sure that all activities/community service events are cleared by your fine arts supervisor (teacher). You will need to submit the attached ([Extra-Curricular/Community Service Validation form](#)) form completely filled out with the appropriate signatures and pictures. These will need to be scanned and attached in your electronic portfolio – attached to the noted activity in resume.

SUSD Capstone:

- Electronic Portfolio
 - [Link to sample](#)
 - You are not limited to this design and format, but you must have all the components - exceeding these minimums is welcomed and encouraged
 - Due April 1st to your supervising Fine Arts Instructor and a link sent to
 - Michelle Irvin
 - Coordinator of Fine Arts and Physical Education
 - mirvin@susd.org
 - Student will be notified if they have met all of the requirements by April 15th
 - list of names will be submitted to the Arizona Department of Education on April 15th
 - Schools will begin receiving seals the 1st week of May
- For Electronic Portfolio to be approved, students must complete all of the required elements by **April 1st** (there is **NO flexibility** on this)
- Portfolio link MUST be sent to supervising Fine Arts Teacher and District Coordinator of Fine Arts on or before **April 1st** (there is **NO flexibility** on this)
- Extra-Curricular/Community Services hours documents must be completed with ALL required signatures and attached to portfolio prior to **April 1st** deadline (there is **NO flexibility** on this)

[Extra-Curricular/Community Service Validation Form Link](#) (Open in Adobe - so that signatures can be added)

[Portfolio Grading Rubric Link](#)

Congratulations on taking this next step into your artistic growth as an artist. Scottsdale Unified Schools is proud of your commitment to the arts and is excited to provide this opportunity for our hard working artist. Please make sure to look through all of the requirements so that we can reward you for the Outstanding Achievements you have achieved in the Arts. Deadlines are non-negotiable, so PLEASE look through your requirements and deadlines.

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