

Florida Seal of Fine Arts Program

Guide for School District Administrators & Art Teachers

The Florida Seal of Fine Arts Program was created to encourage fine arts students to develop expertise in the performing or visual arts.

Florida Statute 1003.4321

Who Qualifies for the Florida Seal of Fine Arts?

A student is eligible for this honor if they meet the following requirements:

- Earns a standard high school diploma;
- Completes at least 3 year-long fine arts courses with a grade of "A" or higher in each; and
- Meets a minimum of two of the following requirements:
 1. Completes a Fine Art IB, AP, dual enrollment or honors course with a grade of "B" or higher.
 2. Participates in a district or statewide organization's juried event for 2 or more years.*
 3. Records at least 25 volunteer hours of arts-related community service + comprehensive presentation on experience.
 4. Submits a portfolio that demonstrates the student is an exemplary practitioner of fine arts, see "Portfolio Details" section below.**
 5. Receives district, state, or national recognition for the creation and submission of an original work of art.***

*What Qualifies as a Juried Event?

Option #2: "Participates in a district or statewide organization's juried event for 2 or more years."

District-wide art exhibitions?

- If works are adjudicated, then yes.
- If works are collected for open entry, then no.

FAEA Florida Student Art Assessment (previously the K-12 Student Art Assessment & Virtual Exhibition)?

- Yes, this is an adjudicated event.

Scholastic Art & Writing Awards?

- Yes, this is an adjudicated event.
- Art Festival in your community?

- No, not considered a "district or statewide" event

Local organization's art poster contest?

- No, not considered a "district or statewide" event

**What Qualifies as Recognition for the Submission of an Original Work of Art?

Option #3: "Receives district, state, or national recognition for the creation and submission of an original work of art."

"Work of art" means a musical or theatrical composition, visual artwork, or choreographed routine or performance.

Awards in the following events (not an all-inclusive list) qualify:

- FAEA Florida Student Art Assessment
- Scholastic Art & Writing Awards
- District-Level Art Competitions
- PTA Reflections
- Congressional Art Contest
- YoungArts

**Portfolio Details

Option #4: "Submits a portfolio that demonstrates the student is an exemplary practitioner of fine arts"

Portfolios must meet the following requirements:

- Must include at least 1 and not more than 8 separate works of art within one fine arts discipline
- Students must submit photographs or prints showing their original works of visual art
- School district-appointed personnel must review the portfolio using the "Florida Seal of Fine Arts Portfolio Rubric" (Form FA-2) to determine if the student is an exemplary practitioner of fine arts
- A score of 18 or higher qualifies as "Exemplary"

How Students Can Apply & Considerations for School Districts

- Applications and verification of completed requirements will need to be tracked at the district level.
- Consider coordinating with your district's counseling team and/or the person/team that oversees the Seal of Biliteracy program in your district.
- Consider an online survey where students can enter their contact information, school, and teacher, as well as upload supporting documents.
- Set a deadline early enough that you have time to process applications and verify grades and completion of tasks. [February /March]

