



ARTS EDUCATION MISSION

The mission of the Peoria Unified Arts Education Department is to promote artistic literacy, personal expression, innovation and critical thinking. By providing all Peoria Unified students the opportunity to experience and engage in the Arts, we support the academic, creative, collaborative and emotional needs of our students, equipping them to become critical thinkers and to shape the future of an ever-changing world.

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High School Arts Education

The Arizona Academic Standards in the Arts are structured around four artistic processes: creating, performing/presenting/producing, responding and connecting. These artistic processes are designed to answer the question, "what do artists do?" and are consistent across all arts disciplines: visual art, music, dance and theatre.



CREATING



PERFORMING/
PRESENTING/
PRODUCING



RESPONDING



CONNECTING

Performing and visual artists **create** by...

- generating and conceptualizing artistic ideas and work
- organizing and developing artistic ideas and work
- refining and completing artistic work

Performing and visual artists **perform/present/produce** by...

- analyzing, interpreting and selecting artistic work for presentation
- developing and refining work for presentation
- conveying meaning through the presentation of artistic work

Performing and visual artists **respond** by...

- perceiving and analyzing artistic work
- interpreting intent and meaning in artistic work
- applying criteria to evaluate artistic work

Performing and visual artists **connect** by...

- synthesizing and relating knowledge and personal experiences to create
- relating artistic ideas and works with societal, cultural and historical context to deepen understanding

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ARTS PROGRAMMING

The Peoria Unified Arts Education Department offers courses addressing the three levels of proficiency in the Arizona State Arts Standards.

PROFICIENT

- Visual Art
- Advertising Art
- Ceramics
- Photography
- Band (Marching, Jazz & Concert)
- Mixed Choir
- Dance
- Digital Music
- Guitar
- Keyboard
- Music Theory
- Production Design
- Theatre Arts
- Unified Arts

ACCOMPLISHED

- Visual Art
- Ceramics
- Photography
- Band (Marching, Jazz & Concert)
- Concert Choir
- Advanced Dance
- Production Design
- Theatre Arts

ADVANCED

- Visual Art*
 - Ceramics*
 - Photography*
 - Band (Marching, Jazz & Concert)
 - Choir Ensemble
 - Performance Dance
 - Theatre Showcase
- *Advanced Placement Available

THE ARTS PREPARE GRADUATES WITH:

Collaboration & Leadership

Allocating resources, Evaluating, Decision making, Team building, Delegating, Goal Setting, Conflict Resolution

Critical Thinking & Problem Solving

Comparing and Contrasting, Analyzing, Tracking Cause and Effect, Solving Multi-Step Problems, Evaluating

Communication

Speaking, Writing, Listening Actively, Analyzing the Situation, Evaluating Messages

Creativity & Innovation

Create, Imagine, Improve, Innovate, Address a problem from Multiple View Points with Multiple Solutions, Entertain



Arizona State Seal of Arts Proficiency

Peoria Unified has been granted the privilege to award qualifying graduates with the Arizona State Seal of Arts Proficiency upon receipt of their diploma. This award celebrates students who demonstrate high levels of proficiency in the Arts Education Standards.

Requirements are as follows:

- Final GPA of 3.0 or higher in each qualifying Arts course
- 4 minimum credit requirements in an artistic discipline
- 80 hours of arts related extracurricular activities
- A student capstone project

More details are available through the Peoria Unified Arts Education Department, or by contacting your Peoria Unified Arts Educator.



Source: Arizona Department of Education | Academic Standards by Subject

ARTS BY THE NUMBERS

- 7 disciplines** of study on high school campuses
- 22 visual arts** course offerings
- 28 performing arts** course offerings
- 54 educators** highly qualified in their artistic discipline
- 11,070 student enrollments** in high school arts education courses

Source: Arizona Commission on the Arts | Arts Education Data Explorer, December 2021

ADOPTED CURRICULUM

Arizona State Academic Standards

CURRICULAR RESOURCES

- Photoshop
- Mixcraft
- Smart Music
- Sight Reading Factory

