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.

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
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

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**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.