

Arizona State Seal of Arts Proficiency

FAQs

Who is eligible to receive an Arizona State Seal of Arts Proficiency?

Any high school student who graduates from a public district or charter school who has met all requirements outlined in Arizona Administrative Code [R7-2-321](#) is eligible.

What is the timeframe for completion of the Seal of Arts Proficiency requirements?

Arizona Administrative Code [R7-2-321](#) does not indicate a specific year or years in which students must complete the requirements, so long as they are completed during their time in high school.

What credits count towards the Seal of Arts Proficiency?

The table below defines the types of credits cited in Arizona Administrative Code [R7-2-321](#) and the allowable number of each type:

Credit Type (AAC R7-2-321)		“credit in one artistic discipline”	“credit {in a} separate artistic discipline”	“qualifying creative industries CTE credit”
Definition		Credit from any courses within the current academic year’s State Course Catalog that use the subject code <i>AZ05 - Fine and Performing Arts</i> , within one artistic discipline (dance, media arts, music, theatre, visual arts)	Credits from any courses within the current academic year’s State Course Catalog that use the subject code <i>AZ05 - Fine and Performing Arts</i> , within a <u>different</u> artistic discipline (dance, media arts, music, theatre, visual arts)	Credit from the 2026-2027 Coherent Sequences of the approved CTE programs listed on p.7 of the State Seal of Arts Proficiency Implementation Guide .
Allowable credit combinations	Combo A	4	0	0
	Combo B	3	1	0
	Combo C	3	0	1
	Combo D	2	2	0
	Combo E	2	0	2

Do our course titles need to match those in the State Course Catalog to qualify?

No. Course *codes* entered in the Student Information System (SIS) must be in alignment with the current year's State Course Catalog. It is recommended that course *titles* also align with those in the State Course Catalog, but this is not required.

Do students' credits need to be sequential to count toward the Seal of Arts Proficiency?

No. The statute does not require credits to be sequential. For example, *Digital Photography I* and *Digital Photography III* could qualify as CTE credits; more than one credit of the same arts course could qualify as well.

Do a student's arts credits need to be all in the same artistic discipline?

No. A student can include credits from two different artistic disciplines (dance, media arts, music, theatre, visual arts) in their seal pathway. It is recommended that students who complete an interdisciplinary seal pathway culminate their learning with a capstone that is also interdisciplinary.

A student transferred from another school – do the courses from their previous school qualify?

If the courses were taken while the student was in high school and they align with qualifying courses in Arizona's State Course Catalog, they can be accepted as credits in the student's Seal of Arts Proficiency pathway.

Can students include 3 CTE credits and 1 Arts credit in their Seal of Arts Proficiency pathway?

No. The credit requirements for the Seal of Arts Proficiency come directly from Arizona Administrative Code [R7-2-321](#), which allows a maximum of 2 credits from the list of pre-approved CTE programs in each Seal of Arts Proficiency pathway.

What are the requirements for a double seal?

A student must complete all Seal of Arts Proficiency requirements twice to qualify for a double seal.

Single Seal
4 qualifying credits
80 extracurricular hours
1 capstone project

Double Seal
8 qualifying credits
160 extracurricular hours
2 capstone projects

More students are signing up for qualifying courses than can enroll. How do you recommend giving more students the opportunity to earn credits toward the Seal of Arts Proficiency?

Schools have autonomy to choose their high school arts and CTE offerings each year, as well as the maximum enrollment per section. Having many students working toward a Seal of Arts Proficiency is impressive! We recommend sharing this great news with your school leaders and working with them to provide more students with the opportunity.

Do the required arts-related extracurricular activity hours have to take place outside of the regular school day?

No. Arts participation beyond curricular course requirements for which students are not receiving course credit may qualify.

What graduation cord colors are recommended for seal recipients?

LEAs have the autonomy to choose graduation cord colors. We recommend pink for music and dance, white for visual arts and media arts, and brown for theatre.