



Arizona State Seal of Arts Proficiency

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Agenda

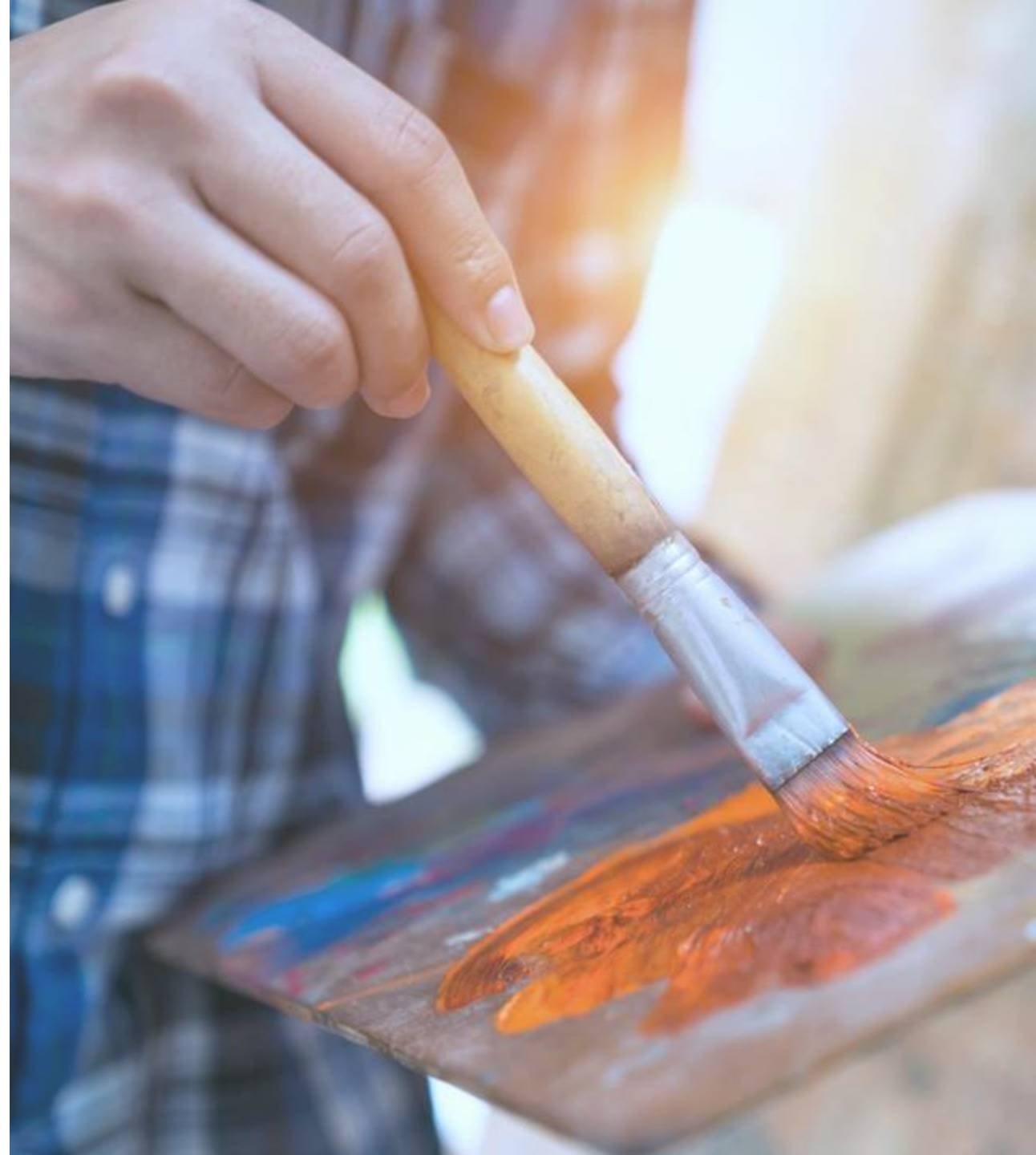
Arts Seal Basics

25-26 Wins

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Insights from Seal Recipients

Q&A



Seal of Arts Proficiency Basics



AZ State Legislature

Superintendent Expectations
State Board Expectations
LEA Expectations*

[Arizona Revised Statutes § 15-261](#)

AZ State Board of Education

SEA Expectations & Dates
LEA Expectations & Dates
Student Requirements

[Arizona Administrative Code R7-2-321](#)

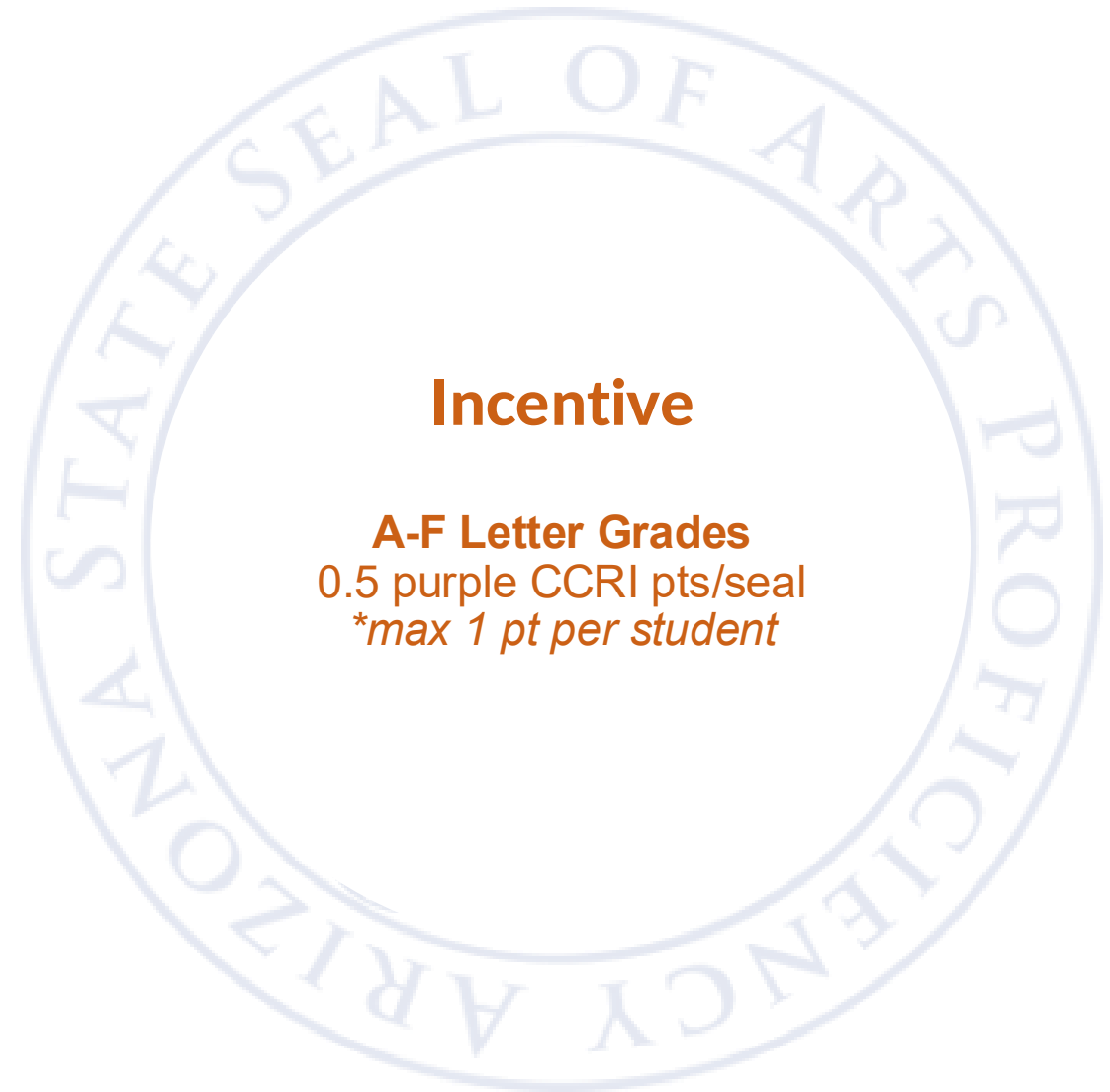
Seal of Arts Proficiency Basics

Objectives

- Celebrate students who demonstrate elevated levels of proficiency in the Arizona Arts Education Standards through personal expression and creative experiences in arts education programs
- Identify pathways of artistic literacy that cultivate skills for 21st century success
- Prepare students for college and career readiness, including active participation in the creative industries sector
- Promote increased access to well-rounded, high-quality arts education across the state

Incentive

A-F Letter Grades
0.5 purple CCRI pts/seal
**max 1 pt per student*



Seal of Arts Proficiency Basics

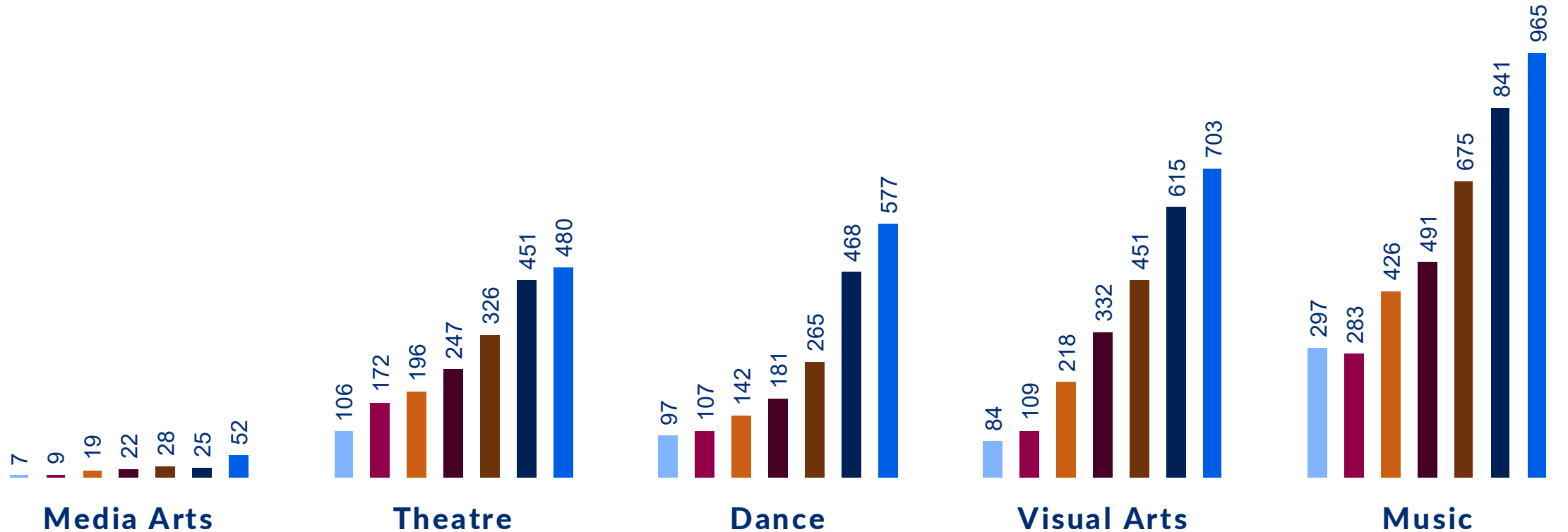
To qualify for the Arizona State Seal of Arts Proficiency, a student will complete:

- 1. All qualifying Arts and Career and Technical Education (CTE) courses with a GPA of 3.0 or better on a 4.0 scale, or the equivalent**
- 2. Minimum credit requirements in one of the following ways:**
 - a. 4 credits in one artistic discipline – dance, music, theatre, visual arts, media arts – or
 - b. 3 credits in one artistic discipline and 1 credit in a qualifying creative industries CTE program or separate artistic discipline – or
 - c. 2 credits in one artistic discipline and 2 credits in a creative industries CTE program or separate artistic discipline
- 3. 80 hours of arts-related extracurricular activities**
- 4. A student capstone project**

25-26 Growth

Seals per Discipline

2019-2020 2020-2021 2021-2022 2022-2023 2023-2024 2024-2025 2025-2026



25-26 Growth

2,777

Seals Awarded

15% increase from 24-25

54

LEAs Committed

Nearly 10% of LEAs

2,724

Students Impacted

Roughly 3.6% of graduates

Timeline



July 20, 2026
Application open



Sep 15, 2026
Application due



Oct 1, 2026
Notification of
application status



Feb 15, 2027
Achievement
report open



Apr 15, 2027
Achievement
report due



May 3, 2027
Receipt of
diploma seals

26-27 Updates

Timely approvals

Arts CTE Coherent Sequences

26-27 Arts Courses

Resources

Seal Recipient Survey



Resources

Staff Resources

Implementation Guidance and Resources

[2026-2027 State Seal of Arts Proficiency Implementation Guide](#)

[2026-2027 State Seal of Arts Proficiency FAQ](#)

[2026-2027 State Seal of Arts Proficiency Fact Sheet](#)



2026-2027 State Seal of Arts Proficiency Information

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Application



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* required field

Instructions

This form is to be completed by those coordinating the Arizona State Seal of Arts Proficiency for their entire district or charter organization. Only one submission will be accepted per district/charter organization. Visit the Arizona State Seal of Arts Proficiency website to view requirements, due dates, and implementation resources. <https://www.azed.gov/artsoeducation/arizona-state-seal-of-arts-proficiency>

Prior Year Implementation

DID YOUR DISTRICT/CHARTER IMPLEMENT A SEAL OF ARTS PROFICIENCY PROGRAM DURING THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR? *

☐ Yes

☐ No

SELECT YOUR DISTRICT/CHARTER *

If your district/charter is new, you must submit a new application. Please select "No" as your response to the first question and complete all fields before submitting.

WHICH COMPONENT(S) OF YOUR DISTRICT/CHARTER'S SEAL OF ARTS PROFICIENCY PROGRAM WILL BE DIFFERENT THIS YEAR? *

Select all that apply

☐ Participating High Schools

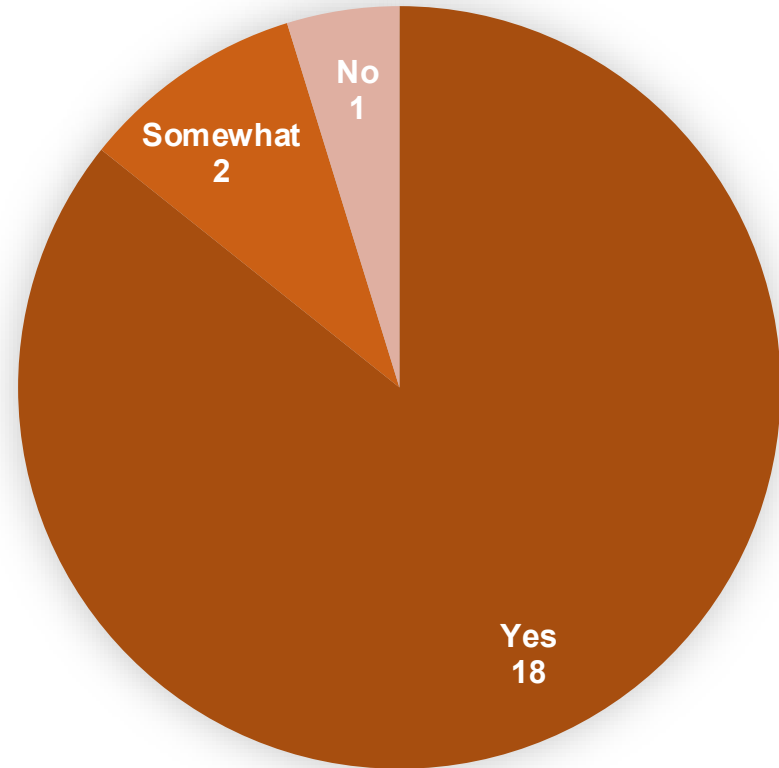
☐ Arts Courses and CTE Programs Offered

☐ None. Our Participating High Schools, Arts Courses Offered, and CTE Programs Offered will remain the same as they were in 2024-2025.

Insights from Seal Recipients

Based on your experience, did the program meet its goals?

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Insights from Seal Recipients

What about your experience went well?



Challenged
Students



Fostered
Personal Growth



Increased
Engagement and
Creativity



Supportive
Structure &
Mentorship



Insights from Seal Recipients

How could we improve the State Seal of Arts Proficiency program?

Communication and Progress Monitoring

- Step-by-step process
- Milestone tracking
- Frequent check-ins
- Reminder communications

Clear Guidance and Examples

- Detailed guidance up front
- Successful submission examples

Expanded Access and Opportunities

- Increased promotion
- Interdisciplinary opportunities
- Broader exposure
- Recognition

Thank you!

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Seal of Arts Proficiency Website

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