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(a) Introduction.

(1) The fine arts incorporate the study of dance, music, theatre, and the visual arts to

offer unique experiences and empower students to explore realities, relationships, and

ideas. These disciplines engage and motivate all students through active learning, critical

thinking, and innovative problem solving. The fine arts develop cognitive functioning

and increase student academic achievement, higher-order thinking, communication, and

collaboration skills, making the fine arts applicable to college readiness, career

opportunities, workplace environments, social skills, and everyday life. Students develop

aesthetic and cultural awareness through exploration, leading to creative expression.

Creativity, encouraged through the study of the fine arts, is essential to nurture and

develop the whole child.

(2) Four basic strands--foundations: observation and perception; creative expression;