

1 A bill to be entitled  
 2 An act relating to the Florida Seal of Fine Arts  
 3 Program; creating s. 1003.4321, F.S.; establishing the  
 4 Florida Seal of Fine Arts Program within the  
 5 Department of Education; providing the purpose of the  
 6 program; specifying eligibility requirements for the  
 7 seal; defining the term "work of art"; authorizing the  
 8 State Board of Education to adopt additional criteria  
 9 for the award of a seal; requiring the Commissioner of  
 10 Education and school districts to perform specified  
 11 duties to administer the program; prohibiting a school  
 12 district or the Department of Education from charging  
 13 a fee for the seal; requiring the state board to adopt  
 14 rules; providing an effective date.

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 16 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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 18 Section 1. Section 1003.4321, Florida Statutes, is created  
 19 to read:

20 1003.4321 Florida Seal of Fine Arts Program for high  
 21 school graduates.-

22 (1) The Florida Seal of Fine Arts Program is established  
 23 within the Department of Education to recognize high school  
 24 graduates who have met exemplary benchmarks in fine arts  
 25 coursework.

26       (2) The purpose of the Florida Seal of Fine Arts Program  
 27 is to encourage students to develop an exemplary level of  
 28 proficiency in the performing or visual arts.

29       (3)(a) Beginning with the 2024-2025 school year, the Seal  
 30 of Fine Arts shall be awarded to a high school student who has  
 31 earned a standard high school diploma; successfully completed at  
 32 least three year-long courses in dance, music, theatre, or the  
 33 visual arts with a grade of "A" or higher in each course or  
 34 earned three sequential course credits in such courses with a  
 35 grade of "A" or higher in each course; and meets a minimum of  
 36 two of the following requirements:

37           1. Successfully completes a fine arts International  
 38 Baccalaureate, advanced placement, dual enrollment, or honors  
 39 course in the subjects listed in this paragraph with a grade of  
 40 "B" or higher.

41           2. Participates in a district or statewide organization's  
 42 juried event as a selected student participant for 2 or more  
 43 years.

44           3. Records at least 25 volunteer hours of arts-related  
 45 community service in his or her community and presents a  
 46 comprehensive presentation on his or her experiences.

47           4. Meets the requirements of a portfolio-based program  
 48 identifying the student as an exemplary practitioner of the fine  
 49 arts.

50           5. Receives district, state, or national recognition for

51 the creation and submission of an original work of art. For  
52 purposes of this paragraph, the term "work of art" means a  
53 musical or theatrical composition, visual artwork, or  
54 choreographed routine or performance.

55 (b) The State Board of Education may establish additional  
56 criteria for the award of the Seal of Fine Arts.

57 (4) The Commissioner of Education shall:

58 (a) Prepare for and provide to each school district an  
59 appropriate seal to be affixed to a student's diploma indicating  
60 that the student has been awarded the Seal of Fine Arts.

61 (b) Provide appropriate benchmarks in rubric form which  
62 are necessary for a school district to successfully implement  
63 the program.

64 (5) Each school district shall:

65 (a) Maintain appropriate records to identify a student who  
66 has met the requirements to receive a Seal of Fine Arts.

67 (b) Provide the Commissioner of Education with the number  
68 of students who have met the requirements to receive a Seal of  
69 Fine Arts.

70 (c) Affix the appropriate insignia to the student's  
71 diploma and indicate on the student's transcript that he or she  
72 has earned a Seal of Fine Arts.

73 (6) A school district or the department may not charge a  
74 fee for a Seal of Fine Arts.

75 (7) The State Board of Education shall adopt rules to

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76 | administer this section, including, but not limited to:

77 |       (a) A process created in rubric form to confirm a  
78 | student's successful completion of the requirements in  
79 | subsection (3).

80 |       (b) Any additional requirements a student must meet to be  
81 | awarded the Seal of Fine Arts.

82 |       Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2024.