

Requesting Approval of Community-Based Fine Arts Programs Instructions

In accordance with the Texas Education Code (TEC), §28.025(b-9), each school district or open enrollment charter school may allow a student to satisfy the fine arts credit required for graduation on the foundation high school program by participating in a community-based fine arts program not provided by the district or charter school in which the student is enrolled. The district or charter school must apply to the commissioner of education for approval of the community-based fine arts program.

Instructions for district personnel requesting approval of a community-based fine arts program:

1. Prior to submission of the approval request to the Texas Education Agency (TEA), certify that the program provides instruction in all of the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for one fine arts course as defined by Chapter 117, Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Fine Arts, Subchapter C, High School prior to submission of the approval request to the Texas Education Agency (TEA).
2. Complete the “Community-based Fine Arts Program Approval Request.”
3. Submit the application electronically [as an attachment in a Curriculum Help Desk ticket](#). The subject line should read “Community-based Fine Arts Program Approval Request.” You will receive an electronic reply within five working days and subsequent correspondence addressed to the superintendent with information regarding approval or denial of your request. Community-based fine arts programs are approved for three years.