

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 awarding of a Seal of Fine Arts; defining the term
 8 "work of art"; authorizing the State Board of
 9 Education to adopt additional requirements for the
 10 award of a seal; requiring the Commissioner of
 11 Education and school districts to perform specified
 12 duties to administer the program; prohibiting a school
 13 district or the Department of Education from charging
 14 a fee for the seal; requiring the state board to adopt
 15 rules; providing an effective date.

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

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

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

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

26 | coursework.

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

30 | (3) (a) Beginning with the 2021-2022 school year, the Seal
31 | of Fine Arts shall be awarded to a high school student who has
32 | earned a standard high school diploma, successfully completed at
33 | least three year-long courses in dance, music, theatre, or the
34 | visual arts with a grade of "A" or higher in each course or
35 | earned three sequential course credits in such courses with a
36 | grade of "A" or higher in each course, and meets a minimum of
37 | two of the requirements below:

38 | 1. Successfully complete a fine arts International
39 | Baccalaureate, Advanced Placement, Dual Enrollment, or honors
40 | course in the subjects listed in paragraph (a) with a grade of
41 | "B" or higher.

42 | 2. Participate in a district or statewide organization
43 | juried event as a selected student participant for two or more
44 | years.

45 | 3. Record at least 25 volunteer hours of arts-related
46 | community service in his or her community and present a
47 | comprehensive presentation on his or her experiences.

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

51 5. Receive district, state, or national recognition for
52 the creation and submission of an original work of art or
53 performance. For purposes of this paragraph, the term "work of
54 art" means a musical or theatrical composition, visual art work,
55 or choreographed routine or performance.

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

58 (4) The Commissioner of Education shall:

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

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

65 (5) Each school district shall:

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

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

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

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

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76 (7) The State Board of Education shall adopt rules to
77 administer this section, including, but not limited to:

78 (a) A process to confirm a student's successful completion
79 of the requirements in subsection (3) through the creation of a
80 rubric.

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

83 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2021.