

FY26 District Arts Support Grant Application Evaluation Rubric

Capacity - Arts Budget – 14% of Total Score

Balanced Budget	0-1 point: The budget is not balanced and/or is not designated for arts programming.	2-4 points: The budget is balanced but is minimally designated for arts programming.	5-6 points: The budget is balanced and appropriately designated for arts programming.	7-8 points: The budget is clear, balanced and appropriately designated for arts programming.
Budget - Support for the Arts	0 points: The district's arts budget does not demonstrate a capacity or commitment to supporting the growth of the arts in the district.	1-2 points: The district's arts budget does not demonstrate a current capacity and commitment to supporting the growth of the arts, but does outline the district's plan for growth.	3-4 points: The district's arts budget demonstrates some capacity and commitment to supporting the growth of the arts in the district.	5-6 points: The district's arts budget demonstrates high capacity and commitment to supporting the growth of the arts in the district.

Teachers – 6% of Total Score

Qualified Teacher Rating	0 points: No teaching staff have appropriate qualifications to teach the arts disciplines to which they are assigned.	1-2 points: Few teaching staff have appropriate qualifications to teach the arts disciplines to which they are assigned.	3-4 points: Some teaching staff have appropriate qualifications to teach the arts disciplines to which they are assigned.	5-6 points: All teaching staff have appropriate qualifications to teach the arts disciplines to which they are assigned.
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Curriculum – 26% of Total Score

Curriculum Guide	0 points: There is no district-level curriculum		2 points: There is a district-level curriculum	
Lesson Plans	0-1 point: Lesson plans and lesson plan reflections provide little to no evidence of thoughtful, quality classroom instruction.	2-4 points: Lesson plans and lesson plan reflections provide minimal evidence of thoughtful, quality classroom instruction.	5-7 points: Lesson plans and lesson plan reflections provide some evidence of thoughtful, quality classroom instruction.	8-10 points: Lesson plans and lesson plan reflections provide clear, strong evidence of thoughtful, quality classroom instruction.
Time Allotted to Arts Courses	0-1 point: The district has allotted little to no time to arts courses throughout the district.	2 points: The district has allotted occasional time to arts courses throughout the district.	3-4 points: The district has allotted consistent time to arts courses throughout the district.	5-6 points: The district has allotted consistent and substantial time to arts courses throughout the district.

Beyond School Day	0-1 point: The district provides little to no arts programming (and does not plan to provide) beyond the school day throughout the district.	2 points: The district provides some arts programming beyond the school day at a few schools throughout the district.	3 points: The district provides strong arts programming beyond the school day at most schools throughout the district.	4 points: The district provides a robust schedule of arts programming beyond the school day at all schools throughout the district.
Measuring Student Outcomes	0-1 point: The district does not (and has no plans to) measure the impact of arts learning on student outcomes.	2 points: The district has not measured, but plans to measure, the impact of arts learning on student outcomes.	3 points: The district measures the impact of arts learning on student outcomes.	4 points: The district deeply and thoroughly measures the impact of arts learning on student outcomes.
Arts Strategic Plan – 26% of Total Score				
Strategic Plan Process	0-1 point: The strategic planning process provided little to no space for input from stakeholders and has not been communicated across the district.	2 points: The strategic planning process provided minimal space for input from a variety of stakeholders and has been minimally communicated across the district.	3 points: The strategic planning process provided some space for input from a variety of stakeholders and has been communicated across the district.	4-5 points: The strategic planning process provided ample space for input from a wide variety of stakeholders and has been clearly and comprehensively communicated across the district.

Plan Content	<p>0-1 point: The district arts strategic plan will not have been board-approved by the beginning of the grant period and/or is not up to date (extends through the entire two-year grant period), and/or is missing critical information such as: objectives, strategies, and parties accountable for the development and implementation of all activities.</p>	<p>2-4 points: The district arts strategic plan will have been board-approved by the beginning of the grant period, is up to date (extends through the entire two-year grant period) but is missing critical information such as: objectives, strategies, and parties accountable for the development and implementation of all activities.</p>	<p>5-7 points: The district arts strategic plan will have been board-approved by the beginning of the grant period, is up to date (extends through the entire two-year grant period), and includes some objectives, strategies, and parties accountable for the development and implementation of all activities.</p>	<p>8-10 points: The district arts strategic plan will have been board-approved by the beginning of the grant period, is up to date (extends through the entire two-year grant period), and includes clear objectives, strategies, and parties accountable for the development and implementation of all activities.</p>
Plan Evaluation	<p>0-1 point: There is no plan for regular evaluation of the effectiveness of the district arts strategic plan, and there is little to no evidence that lessons learned from the evaluation have informed and/or will inform adjustments to the plan.</p>	<p>1-2 points: There is a plan for regular evaluation of the effectiveness of the district arts strategic plan, and there is minimal evidence that lessons learned from the evaluation have informed and/or will inform adjustments to the plan.</p>	<p>3-4 points: There is a plan for regular evaluation of the effectiveness of the district arts strategic plan, and there is some evidence that lessons learned from the evaluation have informed and/or will inform adjustments to the plan.</p>	<p>5-6 points: There is a plan for regular evaluation of the effectiveness of the district arts strategic plan, and there is strong, clear evidence that lessons learned from the evaluation have informed and/or will inform adjustments to the plan.</p>

Letters of Support	0-1 point: There is very little to no evidence of administrative and community support for the District Arts Support Grant Application. (Does not include letters from Superintendent, School Principal, Arts Teacher and Community Stakeholder.)	2 points: There is little evidence of administrative and community support for the District Arts Support Grant Application. (May not include letters from Superintendent, School Principal, Arts Teacher and Community Stakeholder.)	3 points: There is some evidence of administrative and community support for the District Arts Support Grant Application. (Includes letters from Superintendent, School Principal, Arts Teacher and Community Stakeholder.)	4-5 points: There is strong evidence of administrative and community support for the District Arts Support Grant Application. (Includes letters from Superintendent, School Principal, Arts Teacher and Community Stakeholder.)
District Policies – 28% of Total Score				
Arts Teacher Meetings	0-2 points: There are no scheduled meetings among arts teachers.	3-5 points: There are few scheduled meetings among arts teachers	6-7 points: There are occasionally scheduled meetings among arts teachers	8-10 points: There are regularly scheduled meetings among arts teachers.
Professional Arts Learning	0-1 point: Arts Teachers receive little to no relevant arts-specific professional learning opportunities.	2-4 points: Arts Teachers receive few relevant arts-specific professional learning opportunities.	5-6 points: Arts Teachers receive occasional engaging and relevant arts-specific professional learning opportunities.	7-8 points: Arts Teachers receive frequent engaging and relevant arts-specific professional learning opportunities.
Professional Learning Impact	0-2 points: Professional learning reflection videos do not indicate that district-level professional learning positively impacts student outcomes.	3-5 points: Professional learning reflection videos minimally indicate that district-level professional learning positively impacts student outcomes.	6-7 points: Professional learning reflection videos somewhat indicate that district-level professional learning positively impacts student outcomes.	8-10 points: Professional learning reflection videos clearly indicate that district-level professional learning positively impacts student outcomes.