

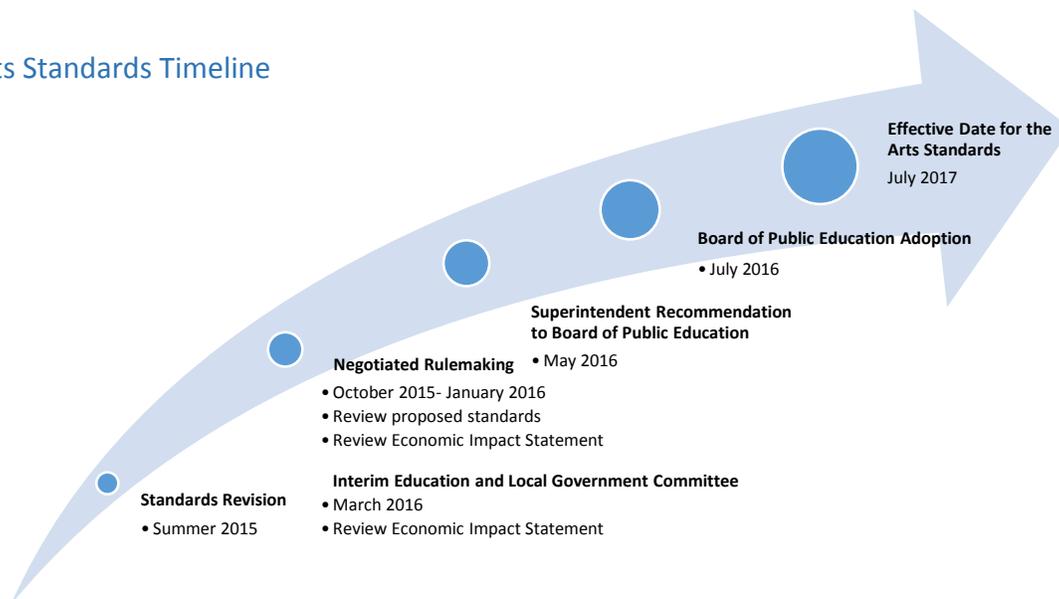
Proposed Montana Arts Standards

Highlights of the changes from the current Montana Arts Standards

The proposed Montana arts standards encompass the idea of artistic literacy: the ability of students to create art, perform and present art, respond to or critique art, and connect art to their lives and the world around them.

- The standards move from general content standards across all artistic disciplines to five distinct artistic disciplines: visual arts, media arts, dance, theatre and music.
- The music standards reflect that music education in Montana encompasses different kinds of musical learning in elementary, middle, and high school.
- The five artistic disciplines now include media arts standards in order to support artistic literacy in the areas of film, animation, and digital art making. The media arts standards are designed to supplement any existing Career and Technical Education industry standards in the digital communications area.
- The standards are organized by grade level for grades K-5 and by grade band for grades 6-8 and 9-12.
- The standards integrate Montana's Indian Education for All, acknowledging the contribution of native tribes to Montana's rich artistic and cultural life.

Arts Standards Timeline



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Frequently Asked Questions

What do the Montana Arts Standards encompass?

The Montana arts standards encompass the idea of artistic literacy: the ability of students to create art, perform and present art, respond to or critique art, and connect art to their lives and the world around them. To do so, the standards are organized into five distinct artistic disciplines: visual arts, media arts, dance, theatre, and music.

Why are the arts standards being updated now?

The Board of Public Education has adopted a regular cycle for review of content area standards. The purpose of the regular review of standards is to ensure that content standards reflect current knowledge and best practices for each content area.

How are these arts standards different from the 1999 version?

The Montana arts standards, adopted in 1999, include six content standards with benchmarks at grades 4, 8, and 12 as well as performance standards at those three grade levels. The proposed standards for dance, music, theater, visual arts, and the new addition of media arts are organized by grade level for grades K-5 and by grade band for grades 6-8 and 9-12.

What is the difference between standards and curriculum?

Standards define what all students are expected to know and be able to do. The Board of Public Education adopts standards into the Administrative Rules of Montana. Standards do not define curriculum. Curriculum is a local school board responsibility. A school or district curricula include the instructional strategies and resources teachers use in order for all students to meet grade level or grade band standards.

Who was involved in the revision of these standards?

- Subject area experts and educators representing Montana's cultural and geographic diversity
- A negotiated rulemaking committee whose membership included school district trustees, K-12 school administrators, K-12 teachers, higher education faculty, school business officials, parents, and taxpayers
- The Board of Public Education and its affiliates including the Certification Standards and Practices Advisory Council and the Montana Advisory Council for Indian Education

What type of professional development will be offered to teachers regarding the new standards?

The Office of Public Instruction (OPI) and Montana Arts Council (MAC) will provide regional face-to-face trainings in various locations around the state, as well as provide arts standards courses on the OPI Teacher Learning Hub at <http://opi.mt.gov/learninghub>

The OPI and MAC partnership also supports a Teacher Leaders in the Arts project, which includes a summer institute and online professional training throughout the year to a cohort of K-12 arts educators who will serve as coaches, mentors, and leaders for integrating the arts standards in the teaching and learning in their schools, communities, and regions across Montana.

When will these standards go into effect?

Pending approval by the Board of Public Education, Montana's new arts standards will go into effect on July 1, 2017.

INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

For more information, go to the OPI Teaching and Learning Website:

<http://www.opi.mt.gov/Curriculum/Index.html>