

ARTS SPECIALIZATION RECOMMENDED SBDM POLICY FROM YPAS & VA MAGNETS

RATIONALE:

In February 2006, the Kentucky Board of Education (KBE) approved new minimum graduation requirements. These included a change in the regulation for the arts and humanities graduation requirement (1 credit has been required for graduation from high school). The regulation provided the flexibility for students to specialize in one or more art forms; and through specialization, the students would be able to fulfill the graduation requirement. Courses used for fulfilling the specialization requirement must be standards based (Program of Studies, which are aligned with national arts standards), and students must have the area of specialization denoted in their Individual Learning Plans. The new minimum graduation requirements will be applied to the **graduating class of 2011** (freshmen of 2007-2008).

KDE, ISN News, Feb. 22, 2006 (704 KAR 3:305 Minimum requirements for high school graduation)

SUGGESTED SBDM POLICY:

Class of 2011 Guidelines for Specialization in the Arts:

To meet the Arts and Humanities requirement, a high school student has two options:

- Option 1: Successfully complete the course, "History and Appreciation of the Visual and Performing Arts," which covers all strands of the core content (dance, drama, music, and visual art), or the course, "Advanced History of the Arts," or "AP Art History."
- Option 2: Students may complete at least one course from the list below representing a specialized art form in one of the four strands from the core content. This must also be documented in the student's ILP.

3rd year Art Course
4th year Orchestra Course
4th year Band Course
4th year Vocal Music Course
4th year Piano Course
4th year Theatre Course (includes Musical Theatre and Technical Theatre)
4th year Dance Course

Special Note:

- The arts specialization 4th year class would substitute for the Humanities graduation requirement, the Advanced Program Humanities Requirement, and the HSU Special Humanities Requirement at Manual High School.
- This recommendation goes beyond the district recommendations of 3 years of arts specialization and extends to the class of 2011.