



ARIZONA ARTS PROFICIENCY SEAL PROCESS

TUSD Fine and Performing Arts will implement the following process for graduating students to qualify for the Arizona Arts Proficiency Seal from the Arizona Department of Education. This seal will appear on their graduation certificate and will be recorded on their transcripts.

- Follow the **Pathway Chart** (attachment) and designate a school sponsor who can verify
 - Documented grades of A or B in each arts course
 - Extracurricular hours totaling 45 hours for SY 2020-21
 - Mentorship of students' Capstone Projects and preparation for presentation/exhibition
 - 4 minimum credit requirements in one of the 3 ways listed on the Pathway
- Begin discussing and thinking about the **Capstone Projects** created by one person or a small ensemble of people. These will be evaluated in March 2021 by a team comprised of the TUSD Fine Arts Department Director, a representative from the University of Arizona, High School Department Chairs, and a community arts member. (Attachment: Expectations for the Capstone Projects.)
- Prepare your students for their **Capstone presentation/exhibit** at a specified time in **March 2021**.
- Following the Capstone presentation/exhibit, the students will meet with the **Capstone Committee** and discuss **Essential Questions** prepared by TUSD arts educators.
- Upon the Capstone Committee's selection of students who meet all qualifications, **TUSD Fine Arts Director will forward the Seal Achievement Report** to the Arizona Department of Education. (Submission Deadline: April 16, 2021)
- **The Seals will be sent to TUSD Fine Arts Director who will then place the Seals on students' diplomas and notify** the Registrar that this Seal is to be recognized on the student's transcript.
- **Any student who receives the Seal and is successful in gaining admission to the Fred Fox School of Music at the University of Arizona will automatically be awarded a \$1000 scholarship.**