



## **Fine Arts Diploma Seal Rationale, Qualifications, & Timeline**

The Fine Arts Diploma Seal will be awarded to Fulton County graduating high school students who complete a fine arts pathway & engage in creative industry courses, extra curricular activities and experiences that foster fine arts mastery.

**1<sup>st</sup>**  
students

# Fine Arts Diploma Seal Rationale

The creative industries are a 29 billion dollar sector in Georgia's economy employing more than 200,000 artists, actors, dancers, musicians, arts administrators and administrative staff.

The goal of this seal is to produce students who are prepared for college and careers in these fine arts related creative industries.

The diploma seal is a signal to employers and higher education institutions that a student is prepared to participate and or continue education in the creative industries.

# Fine Arts Diploma Seal Requirements and Qualifications

## 1. Georgia Fine Arts Pathway Completion

Student will complete a minimum of three (3) **CREDITS** in one of the fine arts subject areas. These areas include dance, music, theatre and visual arts. Pathway completion denotes mastery in one art form.

## 2. Creative Industry Skill Focus Course(s)

Student will earn at least one (1) additional fine arts credit **OR** earn at least one (1) credit in a CTE course that provides a creative industry skill focus for the student. Two fine arts related extra curricular activities are also required. A list of the approved courses at the end of this presentation.

## 3. Community Arts Service and Capstone Project

Students will share their talent and industry knowledge by providing at least 20 hours of arts related community service and capstone project based on their arts field or experiences.

*This is a list of GaDOE approved creative industry courses. There may be others that your school offers that have a creative industry skill focus. Please indicate those on your application with your rationale. FCS has added 70.232001 & 70.2320001 Directed Studies with focus on the creative industries and the arts.*

In addition to the 3 required CREDITS in Fine Arts to complete a Fine Arts Pathway, students will need to complete at least 1 CTAE course CREDIT with a focus on skills needed for the creative industry OR a fourth fine arts CREDIT. The following lists of courses are pre-approved to fulfill this requirement in addition to the fine arts courses.

**CTAE:**

- 48.54100 Introduction to Drafting and Design
- 11.41500 Introduction to Digital Technology
- 07.44140 Introduction to Business and Technology
- 48.42100 Introduction to Digital Media
- 48.56100 Introduction to Graphics and Design
- 08.41300 Introduction to Fashion Marketing
- 10.51810 Audio and Video Technology and Film
- 08.47400 Marketing Principles
- 20.44100 Foundations of Interior Design
- 46.45400 Fine Furniture/Cabinetmaking I
- 10.51200 Broadcast/Video Production I

**Math, ELA, Social Studies, TAG and Science:**

- 23.03200 Journalism I
- 23.04200 Oral/ Written Communication
- 45.06100 Economics/Business/Free Enterprises
- 45.08100 U.S. History in Film
- 70.03100 Directed Study (In Fine Arts)
- 70.04100 Community Service/Learning I (in Fine Arts)
- Added FY 18 **70.232001 & 70.2320001** Directed Studies with focus on the creative industries and the arts.

# FCS Fine Arts Diploma Seal Time Line

## **December 1<sup>st</sup>:**

- Deadline for all Fulton County Schools to submit application of intent to offer the Fine Art Diploma Seal in their school. Send form electronically to FCS Fine Art Department using this email: [fineartsdiplomaseal@fultonschools.org](mailto:fineartsdiplomaseal@fultonschools.org)

## **December 1-13**

- Fine Arts Support Teachers review applications.

## **December 14:**

- Fine Art Support Teachers complete review of all submitted applications and submits finalized list of schools with complete applications to Betsy Eppes.

## **December 15:**

- Deadline for Fulton County Schools to apply to become eligible to award the District Fine Arts Diploma Seals to qualifying graduating high school seniors.

## **February 1:**

- District notified of application status

## **March 24:**

- *Deadline for schools to submit list of of qualifying seniors with all required documentation to the FCS Fine Art Department .*

## **April 15:**

- FCS Fine Arts Department evaluates credentials of candidates submitted and reports list of qualifying candidates to GADOE

## **May:**

- Schools award the Fine Arts Diploma Seal
- Awards Ceremony (TBD)