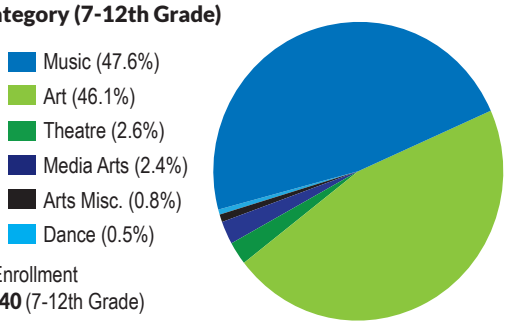
WISCONSIN Arts Education

Wisconsin Arts Education in Public Schools

Wisconsin students attending public schools have the opportunity to take part in fine arts throughout the state in the areas of: art and design, dance, media arts, music, and theatre. The fine arts areas are essential components of a quality comprehensive education.

2013-14 WI Fine Arts Course Enrollment by Category (7-12th Grade)



Total Enrollment
412,740 (7-12th Grade)

Early Childhood

Learning standards are identified and share strategies to support students being able to "express self creatively through music, movement, and art."

Source: Wisconsin Model Early Learning Standards

K-6th Grade

Art and music instruction is required for all students in grades kindergarten through 6. Wisconsin art and music classes within kindergarten through sixth grade are taught by or under the direction of a licensed teacher for the respective areas.

Source: Wisconsin Statute 121.02 Curriculum Standards

7-12th Grade

Art and music instruction for pupils in grades 7 through 12 are taught by a licensed teacher of the respective area. Art and music instruction shall be available to all pupils in grades 7-12. Dance and theatre may be offered as an elective.

Source: Wisconsin Statute 121.02 Curriculum Standards

Resources for Educators

Wisconsin's Model Academic Standards

- Art and Design
- Dance
- Music
- Theatre

Online Networks

Websites

Newsletters

Professional Development

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Wisconsin Arts Education in Action

Examples of arts programs by congressional district.

Janesville School District, Integrated Dance Unit

Beloit School District, Integrated Music Unit

LaCrosse School District, Theatre Activities

Milwaukee Public Schools, Art Class

Waukesha School District, Jazz Quintet Performance

Ripon School District, Souper Bowls Project

Hayward, Rice Lake, Cumberland, Bloomer, Barron, Chetek-Weyerhaeuser School Districts, Honor Band

Door County Show Choir Camp, Sturgeon Bay

Wisconsin School for the Deaf, Delavan, Art Students

Wisconsin Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired, Band Performance

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