



**Arts Education Month Proclamation by Superintendent Dorn
Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction
Proclamation for May 2012 as Arts Education Month**

WHEREAS, The arts are included in the Basic Education Goals of Washington State (RCW28A.150.210). Dance, music, theatre, and visual arts are defined as the arts in Washington State;

WHEREAS, Arts Education is required for High School Graduation with one credit—WAC180-51-061; and will require two credits beginning when the career and college-ready graduation requirements are fully adopted;

WHEREAS, Washington State has created arts learning standards and performance assessments to ensure that all students have quality instructional opportunities in the arts of their choice and interest;

WHEREAS, Learning done in and through the arts contributes to the development of critical thinking, problem-solving, imagination, and creativity skills;

WHEREAS, Imagination, creativity, and innovation are understood as necessary for success in life in the 21st century;

WHEREAS, The arts can bring every academic subject to life and can enhance student engagement and extend student learning in all subjects; and

WHEREAS, The arts can transform our schools into places of creativity and exploration where students want to learn, teachers want to teach, and all members of the learning community are more engaged and motivated;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction reaffirms the importance of the arts as an essential part of a complete and basic education for all students; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That May 2012 is recognized by the Superintendent of Public Instruction as Arts Education Month in Washington State, and all communities are encouraged to celebrate the arts with meaningful activities and programs that demonstrate learning and understanding in the arts, and that all citizens are urged to become interested in and give full support to quality school arts programs.

I, Randy Dorn, Superintendent of Public Instruction,

do hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction Proclamation for May as Arts Education Month 2012, adopted by OSPI, **May 1, 2012.**