

Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction



Arts Education Month Proclamation

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 and arts education is required for high school graduation (WAC180-51-061);

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 that are 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;

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; and

WHEREAS, 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;

THEREFORE, I, Randy Dorn, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, do hereby support May as Arts Education Month in Washington State and encourage all communities to give full support to quality school arts programs.

Proclamation for May 2015 as Arts Education Month

Signed and adopted on May 1, 2015.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Randy I. Dorn". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a white background.

Randy I. Dorn
State Superintendent
of Public Instruction

