

**ADMINISTRATIVE POLICY 7.45**  
**ART EDUCATION**

**1) STATEMENT OF PURPOSE**

The Milwaukee Board of School Directors (Board) believes that each person deserves the opportunity to develop the skills and knowledge necessary for participation in and appreciation for the arts. To that end, the Board shall require that the instruction of art be provided within all Milwaukee Public Schools (MPS).

All students shall be provided the opportunity to have visual art instruction and to develop 21st-century skills and understandings through art education.

**2) STANDARDS FOR THE INSTRUCTION OF ART**

(a) Art instruction shall be provided in accordance with a written comprehensive art curriculum, including developmental experiences involving the four artistic processes; create, present, respond, and connect.

(b) Art instruction shall be provided for all pupils in grades kindergarten through 6 and shall be performed by a licensed art teacher.

(c) Art classes shall be available to all pupils from grades 7 through 12 and shall be taught by a licensed art teacher.

(d) No student in MPS will be denied access to participation in any school's art education program. Students with disabilities shall have access to art instruction in a manner consistent with their individualized education plan.

(e) All art education staff are to be employees of Milwaukee Public Schools and be licensed by the State of Wisconsin in the area of art instruction.

(f) School leaders are responsible for the scheduling of elementary, middle, and high school art classes to ensure that all students receive the appropriate amount of instruction with input and in consultation with the licensed art educator(s).

(g) Class sizes for art instruction shall be determined pursuant to Administrative Policy 7.25, Class Size.

(h) Art instruction shall be conducted in class space that is conducive to the study of art, including appropriate storage space, furniture, technology, tools, and sink access, when space exists. School leaders shall report when the appropriate space does not exist to the Fine Arts Manager or equivalent subsequent position.

(i) Before enrolling in an advanced art course, secondary students shall be required to take any necessary prerequisite courses.

(j) Art materials budgets shall be a minimum of \$10 per student served in 2020-2021, with regular increases tracking with the rate of inflation measured by the consumer price index (CPI).

**3) HOURS OF INSTRUCTION**

(a) The school leader shall be responsible for ensuring that the following hours of instruction are

met:

- (1) Each student in grades K3-K4 shall have regular art instruction for no fewer than 30 minutes per week.
  - (2) Each student in grades K5-2 shall have regular art instruction for no fewer than 60 minutes per week.
  - (3) Each student in grades 3-5 shall have regular art instruction for no fewer than 75 minutes per week.
  - (4) Each student in grades 6-8 shall have regular art instruction for no fewer than 100 minutes per week.
  - (5) Each art class in grades 9-12 shall meet at least three times weekly for a minimum of 120 minutes per week.
- (b) Each full-time art teacher position shall be filled with placements of no more than two schools.

#### 4) VISUAL ART EQUIPMENT

(a) All MPS schools shall maintain an inventory of visual art equipment to be made available for student use.

- (1) Inventory, records, repair and maintenance of the equipment shall be the responsibility of the school leader in collaboration with the Manager of Fine Arts.
- (2) Art equipment in the school building shall be stored in a secure, reasonable and appropriate location.
- (3) Prior to the first day of school for students, the school leader and the Manager of Fine Arts shall conduct an inventory of the school's fixed assets for studio arts.

(b) Equipment shall be made available for use in an equitable manner that considers the needs of teachers and students.

(c) A central online record of art equipment and materials will be maintained and available to MPS art teachers.

#### 5) MONITORING AND EVALUATION

a) Biannually, in October and May, a report shall be presented to the Board on the district's art education programs.

b) The Fine Arts Manager will report that Board Policy 7.45 is being met, based on information from school leaders and the Office of School Administration. Board Directors will receive that report each year in October and May.

History:	Adopted 05-25-20; Revised 8-31-23		
Legal Ref.:	W.S. 12101(1)(L); Adm. Code PI 8.01(2)(j)4 Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015		
Cross Ref.:	Admin. Policy	1.06	Equity
		7.25	Class Size