

## NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### Notice of Workshop to Solicit Comments on Proposed New Draft Language for NAC 389.0355 and 389.541

The Nevada Department of Education is proposing regulation language pertaining to the Nevada Administrative Code. The Workshop has been scheduled for **October 26, 2017** via video conference at the following locations: **Nevada Department of Education Offices, Board Conference Room, 700 East Fifth Street, Board Room, Carson City and 9890 South Maryland Parkway, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Board Conference Room, Las Vegas, Nevada.** The purpose of the Workshop is to solicit comments from interested person on the following general topics to be addressed in a proposed regulation:

**9:05 A.M. Workshop to solicit comments on proposed changes to NAC 389.0355 Art Definition; NAC 389.042, NAC 389.043 Visual Arts definition; NAC 389.021, NAC 389.022 Drama Definition; NAC 389.443 Elective Courses of Study Sixth through Eighth Grade; NAC 389.541 Elective Courses of Study High School: Add new sections NAC 389.XXX Dance Definition; NAC 389.XXX Media Arts Definition; NAC 389.XXX Kindergarten through Fifth Grade Arts: Delete the following: NAC 389.272 Third Grade Arts; NAC 389.2949 Fifth Grade Arts;**

A copy of all materials relating to the proposal may be obtained at the workshop or by contacting by telephone Karen Johansen, State Board of Education Office, Nevada Department of Education, at 775-687-9225, or in writing to the Department of Education, 700 East Fifth Street, Carson City, Nevada 89701-5096. A reasonable fee for copying may be charged.

This *Notice of Workshop to Solicit Comments on Proposed Regulation* has been sent to all persons on the agency's mailing list for administrative regulations and posted at the following locations: The offices of the Nevada Department of Education in Carson City and Las Vegas, the 17 Nevada School District Superintendents' Offices, the 17 Nevada County main public libraries, the Nevada State Library and Archives, and at the meeting locations.

## **Philosophy and Rationale: Fine Arts Standards**

The arts are essential in education and they provide students with a means to think, feel, and understand the world in unique ways. The meta-cognitive skills learned through instruction in the arts fosters effective work habits, creativity and innovation, critical thinking and problem solving, communication, and collaboration, each of which transfers across content areas preparing students for life in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

These revised Nevada Academic Content Standards for Fine Arts are to guide districts and schools as they create elective coursework encompassing four disciplines: Visual Arts, Theater, Dance, and Media Arts, predicated on a belief that Artistic Literacy provides students with an ability to create, present, critique, and connect art to their academic studies, lives, and the world around them. These standards exemplify a growing body of work that allows students to fully realize artistic attitudes and apply this learning to college, career, and community life goals.

The 2017-2018 Nevada Academic Content Standards for Fine Arts have substantive changes from those previously adopted to better respond to the needs of the field including the following:

1. Creating four (4) strands to better represent the idea of artistic literacy. The four strands are: Creating, Performing, Responding, and Connecting.
2. The creation of Anchor standards under each of the strands to provide consistency across the disciplines and the presentation of standards across content, disciplines, and grade levels.
3. Grade by grade level standards for each discipline, including three (3) levels at high school to allow for greater differentiation of instruction and to support student learning.
4. The inclusion of media arts standards to support the integration of artistic literacy in the areas of film, animation, gaming and computational artmaking (e.g., writing software code) to supplement existing standards in the area of digital communications across the curriculum.

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**SMALL BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT PURSUANT TO NRS 233B.0608**

**DATE:** October 2, 2017

**RE:** Public Hearing to Adopt Revised Standards for Fine Arts scheduled for October 26, 2017.

I, Steve Canavero, being the duly appointed Superintendent of Public Instruction of the Nevada Department of Education, do hereby certify that, to the best of my knowledge or belief:

1. The proposed revisions to the Fine Arts Standards for Dance, Visual Arts, Media Arts, and Theatre are not likely to (a) impose a direct or significant economic burden upon a small business, or (b) directly restrict the formation, operation or expansion of a small business.
2. A concerted effort was made to determine any economic burden.
3. All relevant materials were reviewed and the Department considered its history with implementing similar standards; the proposed changes are within the historic scope of the Department's activities and present no significant cost of enforcement.
4. Comment has not been solicited from small businesses, and no summary of their response is provided, because small businesses are not impacted by this regulation and thus no burden or economic impact can be assessed.

I hereby further certify that, to the best of my knowledge or belief, a concerted effort was made to determine the impact of the regulation on small businesses and that information contained in this statement was prepared properly and is accurate.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Steve Canavero".

**STEVE CANAVERO, Ph.D.**  
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