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The Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board believes in the social, emotional, intellectual, moral, cultural, aesthetic and creative development of all students through quality arts education. The Board supports the arts within a balanced program for all students through such subjects as visual arts, music, dance, drama and media arts as strong visible evidence of a dynamic culture.

The Board supports arts education based on the Ministry of Education's The Kindergarten Program (revised 2016), The Arts Grades 1-8 (revised 2009) and The Arts Grades 9 -12 (revised 2010) that provide every student with the opportunity to participate in a wide variety of artistic explorations, investigations and expressions.

1. Arts – Program Benefits

The Board recognizes the value of arts programs in achieving the following:

- 1.1 involving the student in critical and creative thinking skills and/or processes by
 - 1.1.1 encouraging communication and self-expression, and
 - 1.1.2 encouraging active participation in learning experiences that enhance creative thinking;
- 1.2 enhancing the student's personal development and communication skills by:
 - 1.2.1 developing confidence in creative expression,
 - 1.2.2 expression of aesthetic judgment,
 - 1.2.3 developing the ability to appreciate others as individuals, and
 - 1.2.4 developing the ability to self-reflect on the artistic work;
- 1.3 increasing the student's knowledge and understanding in the strands of the arts curriculum by:
 - 1.3.1 examining the time, place and context of art being explored to ensure consideration of cultural contexts
 - 1.3.2 using authentic voices as primary sources to reflect and learn

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4. Arts – Community Partnerships

The Board endorses school activities that involve visits to arts venues and the use of artists and programs in schools in order to stimulate and enhance student interest in arts activities. The schools and students of the Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board are encouraged to interact with the local communities through exhibitions, performances and collaboration on joint projects.

Administrative regulation which supports this policy includes:

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