The School Board recognizes that by studying visual and performing arts, students develop critical and creative thinking skills, initiative, discipline and perceptual abilities that extend to all areas of life. The Board believes that a comprehensive arts education program should be an integral part of the basic education offered to all students.

In a comprehensive arts education program, students actively participate as creators, contributors and consumers of music, dance, theatre, visual and media arts and creative writing, and are knowledgeable about and demonstrate respect for traditional Alaska Native values, life skills and art forms. The Board recognizes that instructional time, credentialed staff, facilities, supplies and curriculum materials all are needed to support a quality arts program.

The Board encourages all teachers to integrate the arts into the subjects they teach.

The Superintendent or designee may appoint an arts advisory committee to make recommendations for integrating community arts resources into the schools. Students shall have opportunities to attend musical and theatrical performances and to observe the work of accomplished artists.

*Legal Reference:*

**ALASKA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE**
4AAC 04.110 Arts Performance Standards