

## Frequently asked Questions - Fine Arts Diploma Seal

### ***Do the three fine arts credits have to be in the same subject area?***

Yes. A pathway includes three credits in dance, media arts, music, theatre, or visual art.

### ***What should the Capstone Presentation entail?***

Students should give a presentation in the format of their choice to report and reflect on the fine arts experiences in which they have engaged. We encourage creative ideas for the presentations (e.g., art, performance, journal reading, video, presentation). Each school may organize the capstone presentations in the format that works best for them.

### ***Can the Capstone Presentation be part of a regular Senior Project presentation?***

Yes. Schools need to ensure that students interested in the seal reflect on fine arts skills and creative industry competencies during the senior project presentation.

### ***Can students apply individually for the Fine Arts Diploma Seal?***

No. Parents and students should reach out to their high school and ask them to apply for the entire school system.

### ***Do memberships to the National Art Honor Society, National Thespian Society or the Tri M count as extracurricular activities?***

Membership alone does not count but the activities that students undertake do qualify.

### ***Can independent schools or homeschool students apply for the Fine Arts Diploma Seal?***

No. GaDOE can only award seals to public school systems in Georgia. Independent schools are free to modify or develop their own fine arts diploma seal.

### ***Can a CTAE course count for one of the three required fine arts credits for Pathway completion required for the Fine Arts Diploma Seal?***

The Fine Arts Diploma Seal encourages schools and students to engage in fine arts pathway courses. A few CTAE courses satisfy the creative industries focus coursework but cannot be used in substitution for a Fine Arts Pathway. Ideally, students would complete a Fine Arts pathway and the requirements for the creative industry skills could be completed through an additional fine arts course or a CTAE Arts, AV, or Architecture CTAE courses. These courses are listed on the Creative Industries course list.