

Hello-

I am writing to provide some feedback on the Education Quality Standards (Rule Series 2000).

Specifically under:

"2120.5. Curriculum Content...

f) artistic expression (including visual, media and performing arts);"

This proficiency category needs to be renamed.

Artistic Expression is not a content area, nor is it aligned with the state board approved student learning standards, National Core Arts Standards. A better title for the content area category would be "The Arts."

Additionally, the Arts includes 5 artforms: Visual Art, Music, Theater/Drama, Dance, and Media Arts. Some flexibility might be necessary for Vermont schools about what they are financially able to offer, but a minimum of Visual Art and Music should be provided with some guidance similar to the PE section.

With the timely transition to science of reading approaches things like standards alights arts, social studies, and science, are being let go in favor of more minutes for literacy. Literacy and Math are very important, but how can we balance the pressures of proficiency in math and literacy with the needs of a well-rounded education? The Arts need to be protected in elementary school with explicit language in Vermont's Education Quality Standards.

Thank you,
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