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MEMORANDUM

TO: District Superintendents

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SUBJECT: GUIDANCE ON NEW FINE ARTS GRADUATION REQUIREMENT

As a result of legislative action through House Bill 7078 in 2006, all Florida students entering high school as of school year 2007/2008 are required to earn one credit of Fine Arts in order to earn a Standard Florida diploma. Please use the link provided to review the new legislative language [1003.428](#) (2)(a)(5).

The new language in statute is as follows:

“One credit in fine arts.”

It has been determined that the definition of “fine arts” is as follows: Courses listed in the Course Code Directory under Art, Dance, Drama/Theatre, and Music meet the Fine Arts requirement.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Kate Kemker, Bureau Chief, Bureau of Instruction and Innovation, at Kate.Kemker@fldoe.org or Lillian Finn at Lillian.Finn@fldoe.org (850) 245-0423.

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