# Superintendent’s Memo #118-20

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**COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA   
Department of Education**

DATE: May 8, 2020

TO: Division Superintendents

FROM: James F. Lane, Superintendent of Public Instruction

## SUBJECT: Update on Revised Fine Arts Standards of Learning

The Virginia Board of Education adopted the revised 2020 *Fine Arts Standards of Learning*on May 7, 2020.  The newly adopted fine arts standards are available on the [Department of Education’s website](http://doe.virginia.gov/testing/sol/standards_docs/fine_arts/index.shtml). Changes that went to the Board for first review in January 2020 are identified with single underlines and single strikethroughs. Double underlines and double strikethroughs were used for additional changes based on public comments, and were included in the document that went to the Board for final review on May 7, 2020.

The newly adopted revised 2020 *Fine Arts Standards of Learning* increases focus on creativity and innovation in the arts and were reviewed in relationship to instructional practices related to diversity, equity, and inclusion.

Recognizing that curriculum alignment efforts require planning, time, staff development, and resources, the Department of Education’s goal for the implementation schedule allows teachers to begin, in the fall of 2020, to focus instruction on the content in the newly revised *Fine Arts Standards of Learning*. School divisions are expected to begin implementation of the 2020 *Fine Arts* *Standards of Learning* in September 2020 and to fully implement the 2020 *Fine Arts of Learning* in the 2021-2022 academic year.

School divisions should begin to:

* review and align their fine arts curricula with the revised standards;
* review current resource materials and correlate them with the revised standards;
* identify new materials where needed; and
* provide staff development for teachers as appropriate.

A crosswalk between the 2013 and 2020 *Fine Arts Standards of Learning* are available on the [Fine Arts SOL page](http://doe.virginia.gov/testing/sol/standards_docs/fine_arts/index.shtml) of the Virginia Department of Education website.

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