

Greetings Arts and Humanities PLC members,

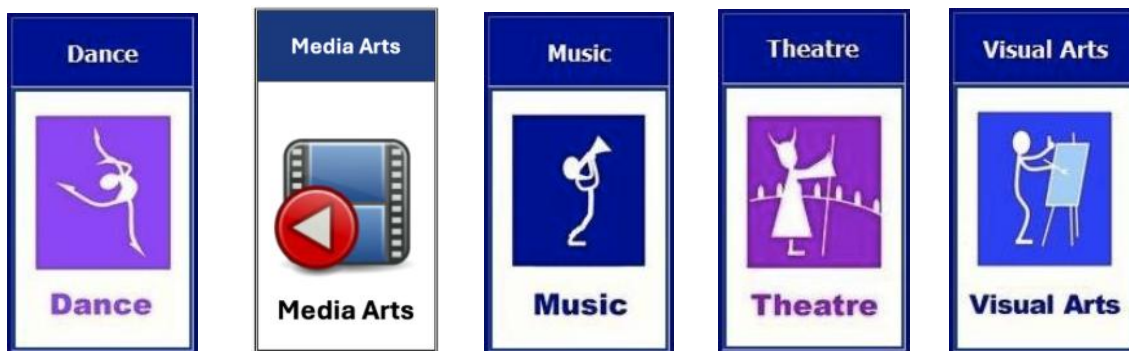
As most of you know, the 2002 academic standards for the arts underwent revision during the summer and fall of 2025 and spring of 2026. As part of that process, the new set of standards must undergo review by the State Board of Education Committee on Academic Standards and **YOU, the public stakeholders**.

The State Board of Education's "Academic Standards/Chapter 4 committee" has completed their initial review and must now conduct public hearings to gather input on these recommendations.

This is the moment for your voice to be heard as a stakeholder in arts education!

Information on the revision and review process can found on the [State Board of Education's Current Initiatives and Regulations webpage](#). This page outlines the request by the Board for PDE to update the standards and lists committee members.

The webpage provides a link to the [Recommendations for Pennsylvania Academic Standards for Arts](#). This view is organized by standard ID code. To view the standards by arts discipline, please click on one of the logos below:



There's more!



Of **timely importance** is the opportunity to provide [public comment on the revised standards](#). This process includes two public meetings (which can be attended virtually) and/or **electronic/hard copy comments**. **There are two ways to give comments:**

1. **You can submit individual written comments** directly to the Board no later than **September 10, 2026**. Written comments may be sent electronically or in hard copy to: ra-stateboardofed@pa.gov or State Board of Education, 607 South Drive, Harrisburg, PA 17120.

When providing written comments, please align each comment to one of the following categories, as much as possible:

- a. general to the entire set of standards,
- b. general to a unique discipline's standards (identified as dance, media arts, music, theatre, or visual art)
- c. specific to a discipline's K-12 progression (as identified by the discipline's standard numbers for K-2, 3-5, 6-8, and 9-12), or
- d. specific to a unique standard, as identified by the standard's ID number.

2. **You can attend public meetings which can be attended virtually:**

Public Hearing Location

Date	Location	Time	Registration Deadline
August 4, 2026	Penn State Greater Allegheny Campus Ostermayer Lab Bldg. Room 102 4000 University Drive McKeesport, PA 15132 Zoom Webinar Link 8/4/26 Telephone: 301-715-8592 (toll free) Passcode: 971683 Webinar ID: 958 4349 2454	9:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	July 30, 2026
September 10, 2026	Montgomery County Intermediate Unit 2 West Lafayette Street 1st Floor Valley Forge B & C Norristown, PA 19401 Zoom Webinar Link 9/10/26 Telephone: 301-715-8592 (toll free) Passcode: 530801 Webinar ID: 967 6604 2494	1:00 p.m.- 3:30 p.m.	September 4, 2026

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