

**ORGANIZATION/PROGRAM DESCRIPTION**

Students in the Lexington Public Schools currently experience the Fine Arts through a comprehensive, sequential, longitudinal curriculum taught by Fine Arts specialists consistent with the recommendations of the National Standards for Arts Education and the Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks. The core concepts of the current curriculum include performance, creating and responding to the arts, critical and reflective thinking and understanding the historical and cultural contexts of the arts. Through drawing, painting, and experimenting with Art materials while investigating ideas presented to them through fine arts instruction, students are encouraged to develop skills in observation, interpretation and evaluation. Teaching and learning are assessed using both process and product portfolios.

**Grades K-5**

Students in grades K-5 learn the skills and concepts of the Fine Arts by using a wide range of subject matter, meaningful images, and visual expressions to reflect their ideas, feelings and emotions. During the one-hour of instruction each week students develop techniques, approaches and habits for applying knowledge and skills in the visual arts to the world beyond school. Students experiment with Art materials and investigate the ideas presented to them through diverse lesson units. They are encouraged to make and share their work with others. Students are also coached to be creative and critical thinkers as they develop skills in observation, interpretation and evaluation.

**Grades 6-8**

In grades 6-8, students experiment with Art materials and investigate ideas presented to them through a variety of media. They are encouraged to make and share their work with others. Students are encouraged to be creative as they develop skills in observation, interpretation and evaluation. Fine Arts are required for one semester in grades 6 & 7, and are an elective in grade 8. Students may choose from a wide range of courses in Drawing, Watercolor, Art History, Computer Graphics and Ceramics.

**Grades 9-12**

In grades 9-12, all Fine Arts offerings are semester courses (with the exception of Web Design, an interdisciplinary, year-long course). Additionally, all students take the "Foundations of Art" course as a prerequisite to all other studio courses. To fulfill their graduation requirement, students may select courses in Drawing, Painting, Photography, Ceramics, Sculpture, Computer Animation, Book Design, Illustration, TV Production, Web Design or Portfolio. Regardless of the course, students are encouraged to make and share their work with others. They are also encouraged to be creative as they continue to develop skills in observation, interpretation, evaluation and problem solving.

**STAFFING SUMMARY:**

Line No	DESE Func	JOB_DESC	Operating				Total Sum of FY11 FTE Budget	Total Sum of FY12 FTE	Total Sum of FTE Change	Total Sum of FY12 Budget
			FY11 FTE Budget	FY12 FTE	FTE Change	FY12 Budget				
1	2110	COORD	0.50	0.50	0.00		0.50	0.50	0.00	
	2305	VISUAL ART TEACHER	17.10	17.18	0.08		17.10	17.18	0.08	
<b>Grand Total</b>			<b>17.60</b>	<b>17.68</b>	<b>0.08</b>	<b>\$ 1,238,121</b>	<b>17.60</b>	<b>17.68</b>	<b>0.08</b>	<b>\$ 1,238,121</b>

**EXPENSE SUMMARY:**

State Func - Seg 7	FY11 Funct	ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION - new	Sum of FY09 YTD EXP/ENC	Sum of FY10 YTD EXPENDED	Sum of FY11 STM Budget	Sum of FY12 ATM Request	Sum of \$ Changed
2357	Professional Development Stipends, Providers and Expenses	SEMINARS/WORKSHOPS/CONFERENCES	\$505	\$ 140	\$ 1,030	\$ 1,030	\$ -
2410	Textbooks and Related Software/Media/ Materials	INSTRUCTIONAL MEDIA	\$0	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
		TEXTBOOKS	\$1,436	\$ 1,392	\$ 4,645	\$ 4,645	\$ -
2415	Instructional Materials	OTHER MISC EXPENSE	\$345	\$ 400	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
2420	Instructional Equipment	EQUIPMENT	\$1,010	\$ 6,284	\$ 5,555	\$ 5,555	\$ -
		EQUIP-SERVICE & REPAIR	\$650	\$ 1,695	\$ 2,104	\$ 2,104	\$ -
2430	General Supplies	SUPPLIES	\$72	\$ 177	\$ 25	\$ 25	\$ -
		SUPPLIES & MATERIALS (blank)	\$58,669	\$ 54,297	\$ 56,767	\$ 58,549	\$ 1,782
			\$	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
2440	Other Instructional Services	FIELD TRIPS	\$0	\$ -	\$ 2,526	\$ 2,526	\$ -
		MEMBERSHIP/DUES/LICENSES & SUB	\$0	\$ 70	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
		MILEAGE	\$0	\$ -	\$ 515	\$ 515	\$ -
		OTHER TRANSPORTATION	\$0	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
		OUT OF STATE TRAVEL	\$106	\$ 96	\$ 110	\$ 110	\$ -
<b>Grand Total</b>			<b>\$62,794</b>	<b>\$ 64,552</b>	<b>\$ 73,277</b>	<b>\$ 75,059</b>	<b>\$ 1,782</b>

- Per Pupil Allocation: The amount of money per student that is allocated to each program area for the acquisition of curriculum specific materials, supplies and equipment for the benefit of the students enrolled in the specific program. The per pupil allocations are determined for each program classification (i.e., K-5 Math, 6-8 Math, 9-12 Math, Special Education, English Language Learners), based on the official October 1 enrollment reported to the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.