

PROFICIENCY-BASED GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS:

Visual Arts

WHO

ALL STUDENTS, beginning with the class of 2008

WHY

In the state of Rhode Island, we believe the Arts are valuable.

No Child Left Behind states that the arts are a core academic course of study, therefore the RI Board of Regents has mandated that all students graduating from a RI high school must achieve proficiency in at least one area of the arts.

WHAT

Students need to demonstrate proficiency in one of the following art forms: visual arts, music, theater or dance.

A visual arts portfolio includes two components. Creating, that requires 8-12 art works, and Responding, that requires 3 written responses. Consult art teacher for information about assessment.

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HOW

Proficiency is a developmental K-12 process. Students achieve proficiency at their own pace. Most students will require a minimum of one year of high school visual art coursework.

Proficiency is evaluated by a certified visual arts teacher using standards based rubrics.