

## **EDUCATION CODES AND THE VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS**

**EDUCATION CODE SECTION 51210:** The adopted course of study for grades 1 to 6, inclusive, shall include instruction beginning in grade 1 and continuing through grade 6, in the following areas of study:.....(e) Visual and Performing arts, including instruction in the subjects of dance, music, theatre, and visual arts, aimed at the development of aesthetic appreciation and the skills of creative expression.

**EDUCATION CODE SECTION 51220:** The adopted course of study for grades 7 to 12, inclusive, shall offer courses in the following areas of study:...(g) Visual and Performing arts, including dance, music, theatre, and visual arts, with emphasis upon development of aesthetic appreciation and the skills of creative expression.

**EDUCATION CODE SECTION 99200:** (a) With funds appropriated therefore, and with the approval of the Concurrence Committee, the Regents of the University of California shall establish and maintain cooperative endeavors designed to accomplish the following: (1) Develop and enhance teachers' subject matter and content knowledge in the subject matter areas specified in Section 99201. (2) Develop and enhance teachers' instructional strategies to improve student learning and academic performance as measured against State Board of Education standards adopted pursuant to Section 60605, and where applicable, to standards adopted pursuant to Section 60811.....*and more. This Education Code speaks to Subject Matter Projects providing professional development for districts/counties/schools. For the Arts that subject matter project is The California Arts Project (TCAP).*

**EDUCATION CODE SECTION 8950:** The Legislature finds and declares that there is a need to include arts in the school curriculum as a means of improving the quality of education offered in California's public schools and reinforcing basic skills, knowledge, and understanding.