

RAHS Fine Arts Equivalency Contract – Final Approval

A Fine Arts equivalency contract allows RAHS students to earn Fine Arts credit for a single approved activity. Complete this packet and follow all directions carefully and thoroughly to earn credit for your activity.

Turn in Pre-Approval and Final Approval together as a single, stapled packet

Overview of Fine Arts and contract requirements

- For graduation years 2021 and later, 2.0 Fine Arts credits are required to graduate high school. For earlier graduating classes, 1.0 credit is required
- Students may earn up to 1.0 credit per contract, per year
- Credits above and beyond graduation requirements may not be earned through contracts
- Contracts must be for 0.5 credit (75 hours) or 1.0 credit (150 hours) - partial credit is **not** available
- Students may only earn 1.0 credits per school year through Fine Arts contracts
- Final contract approval forms will be provided by advisors **after** pre-approval is completed

Acceptable Activities

- Each contract must focus on one single type of activity, but may include relevant practice, training or learning that supports the activity
- Multiple unrelated activities may not be combined in one contract
- Activity must fit one of the categories provided in the pre-approval section of this contract
- Activity must address at least one specific Washington State Fine Arts Standard within a single category (The high school standards for all 5 Fine Arts areas may be found at: <http://www.k12.wa.us/Arts/Standards/default.aspx>)
- Activity must be supervised by an appropriate adult – see details below

Adult Supervisors

- May not be a parent or family member
- Must be 18 or older
- Must provide valid contact information on page 2 of this contract
- Must have sufficient expertise in the activity to provide guidance and support learning
- Must be able to verify participation in the activity and accuracy of this contract

Timelines and Deadlines

- Pre-approval, including parent and advisor signatures, must be complete **before starting the activity**
- Contracts must be completed and submitted within a single school year
- Contracts must provide for a minimum of 10 hours per month of the approved activity
- Contracts can include the summer before **or** after a school year, but **not** both
- For incoming students (9th grade or transfer) contracts may not begin prior to the start of the school year
- Contracts completed over the summer must be submitted within the first week of the new school year
- Contracts must be approved by **May 1** to receive credit for the current school year
 - Students are encouraged to submit contracts early for review to avoid late approval
 - After May 1, contracts can still earn credit, but may not be processed for the current school year

Final Approval Part 1: The Activity Log

- Set a regular schedule for the activity – make sure to plan for at least 10 hours per month, and at least 75 hours for 0.5 credit or 150 hours for 1.0 credit
- For each day of the activity, complete a log including the date, basic details about that day's focus, and the time spent that day (a spreadsheet is recommended, see example below)
- Round daily times to the nearest half-hour
- Keep a running total of hours at the end of the spreadsheet to track progress
- Keep this log in a safe place (Google Drive, Office 365, DropBox, etc.)

Pablo Picasso, Fine Arts Contract Log, fall 2019-2020, Digital Photography, Seattle Media Arts Center		
Date	Activity	Time (hours)
10/15/19	Flash/ambient light comparison, light settings in Photoshop	1
10/18/19	Fast action settings – shutter speed, aperture, flash	1.5
10/22/19	File formats, compression, metadata and file tagging	1
		Current Total: 3.5

Final Approval Part 2: The Activity Reflection

Once the activity log reaches 75 (or 150) hours, complete a one-page reflection, addressing the following questions:

1. What was your favorite part of this activity?
2. What was your biggest challenge in this activity?
3. What new skills, abilities or knowledge have you gained from this activity?
4. How did this activity address the specific Washington State Fine Arts Standard from your Pre-Approval?
Provide specific examples that demonstrate the standard.

Reflection Requirements

- The reflection essay must address all 4 prompts listed above
- The reflection essay must specifically address the same state PE standard named in your pre-approval question 4. Use the specific number code and description for that standard in the reflection essay. The high school standards for all 5 Fine Arts categories may be found at:
<http://www.k12.wa.us/Arts/Standards/default.aspx>
- Reflections must be a minimum of one full page in length, with standard MLA essay formatting: double-spaced, Times New Roman font, 1-inch margins, without excessive extra spacing on the page.

Final Approval Part 3: Completion Checklist and Signatures

Student Affidavit: By my signature below, I certify that all information in this contract is true and accurate.

Student Name (print and sign)

Date

Supervisor Verification: By my signature below, I certify that _____ (student)
has completed the activity described in this contract for _____ hours as detailed in the attached log.

Adult Supervisor Name (print and sign)

Date

Student and Advisor: Review this checklist together before signing Final Approval

☐ **Final Contract Complete**

- ☐ Pre-Approval packet completed and attached
- ☐ 75 / 150 hours (circle one)
- ☐ Completed log, printed and attached
 - ☐ Date, activity, and hours
 - ☐ Total hours
 - ☐ Signed by student

☐ Reflection, printed and attached

- ☐ Minimum 1 full page
- ☐ Addresses all 4 prompts
- ☐ Addresses the same state fitness standard as pre-approval
- ☐ Signatures
 - ☐ Student
 - ☐ Supervisor
 - ☐ Advisor

Advisor Final Approval: By my signature below, I certify that I have reviewed this contract and believe it to be complete, true and accurate. I approve this contract to grant _____

Student Name

- ☐ 0.5 credit of Fine Arts
- ☐ 1.0 credit of Fine Arts

Advisory Staff Member Name (print and sign)

Date

Administrator Final Approval: By my signature below, I certify that I have reviewed this contract and believe it to be complete, true and accurate. I approve this contract to grant _____

Student Name

- ☐ 0.5 credit of Fine Arts
- ☐ 1.0 credit of Fine Arts

Administrator Signature

Date