"Georgia's creative economy is one of the most vibrant among U.S. states."

"The creative industries in Georgia represent a combined \$29 billion in revenue, including 200,000 employees earning \$8 billion in wages. The creative industries represent 5 percent of all employment and 6 percent of all business revenue in the state."

Source: Creative Industries in the South, 2012

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FINE ARTS DIPLOMA SEAL

Rationale and Qualifications

Georgia's Creative Economy

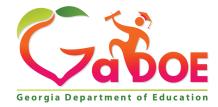


The creative industries are a 29 billion dollar industry for Georgia's economy. Employing more than 200,000 artists, actors, dancers, musicians, and administrative staff. The goal of this seal is to produce students who are prepared for college and careers in these fine arts related career fields.

Fine Arts Diploma Seal

The Fine Arts Diploma Seal is awarded to graduating high school students who complete a Georgia Fine Arts Pathway and engage in creative industry focus courses, extra curricular activities, and experiences that foster fine arts mastery.

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1 Georgia Fine Arts Pathway

A Fine Arts Pathway consists of a minimum of three courses in one of the fine arts subject areas. These areas include dance, music, theatre and visual arts. Pathway completion denotes mastery in one art form.

2 Creative Industry Skill Focus Course

One credit is required in either a CTAE course that provides a creative industry skill focus for students or a fourth fine arts course, and two fine arts related extracurricular activities. A list of the approved courses can be found at www.gadoe.org/fine-arts

3 Community Arts Partnerships

To achieve a Fine Arts Diploma Seal, students share their talent and industry knowledge by providing at least 20 hours of arts related community service and presenting a capstone presentation on their experiences.