

History. Acts 1999, No. 1573, §§ 1, 2.

6-16-128. Arkansas Early Grades Foreign Language Pilot Program.

(a) There is hereby created the Arkansas Early Grades Foreign Language Pilot Program. The purpose of this program is to encourage the development of new foreign language programs for students in kindergarten through grade six (K-6), with an emphasis on Spanish.

(b) The Department of Education, in consultation with the Department of Higher Education and representatives of the state's foreign language educators, shall develop a request-for-proposals process whereby public schools serving students in kindergarten through grade six (K-6) may apply for funding, not to exceed three (3) years, to establish a foreign language training program, with an emphasis on Spanish.

(c) (1) The awards granted under the provisions of this section and § 6-16-127 may be funded by donations, grants, or legislative appropriation.

(2) The Commissioner of Education may solicit and receive donations and grants for the purpose of making awards.

(3) All donations, grants, and appropriations received shall be accounted for by the Department of Education.

(4) The provisions of this section and § 6-16-127 shall be contingent on the appropriation and funding necessary to allow the Department of Education to carry out the duties assigned to it in this section and § 6-16-127.

History. Acts 1999, No. 1573, § 3.

6-16-129. Gun violence prevention.

(a) The board of directors of every public school in the state may declare one (1) week in October of each academic year to be Gun Violence Prevention Week for grades kindergarten through six (K-6).

(b) Any school in the state may develop and present an awareness program or participate in other activities for the purpose of diminishing gun violence.

History. Acts 2001, No. 624, § 1.

6-16-130. Visual art or music.

(a) (1) By no later than June 1, 2002, every public elementary school in the state shall provide instruction in visual art or music based on the state visual art and music frameworks for a period of not less than forty (40) minutes each calendar week of the school year.

(2) (A) Every student in grades one through six (1-6) shall be allowed to participate in

the visual art or music class required in this subsection.

(B) Children with disabilities or other special needs shall be included in the visual art and music programs.

(3) Prior to June 1, 2005, the instruction required by this subsection may be provided by a volunteer or by a certified teacher.

(4) The Department of Education shall provide a stipend of not less than one hundred dollars (\$100) per class to each school for the purchase of necessary supplies or equipment for the classes required by this subsection.

(b) (1) By no later than June 1, 2005, every public elementary school in the state shall provide instruction for no less than forty (40) minutes in visual art and no less than forty (40) minutes in music based on the state visual art and music frameworks each calendar week of the school year or an equivalent amount of time in each school year.

(2) (A) Every student in grades one through six (1-6) shall participate in the visual art and music class required in this subsection.

(B) Children with disabilities or other special needs shall be included in the visual art and music programs.

(3) The instruction required by subdivision (b)(1) of this section shall be provided by a licensed teacher certified to teach art or music, as applicable.

(4) (A) The department shall provide a stipend of not less than one hundred dollars (\$100) per class to each school for the purchase of necessary supplies or equipment for the classes required by this subsection.

(B) Subdivision (b)(4)(A) of this section shall be contingent on the appropriation and availability of funding for that purpose.

History. Acts 2001, No. 1506, § 1; 2005, No. 245, § 1.

6-16-131. Future art and music teachers pilot program.

(a) By no later than June 1, 2002, the Department of Education shall develop and implement a Future Art and Music Teachers Pilot Program.

(b) The program shall provide in at least six (6) schools in the state a program through which students in grades eleven (11) and twelve (12) may provide visual art and music instruction to students in grades kindergarten through six (K-6).

History. Acts 2001, No. 1506, § 2.

6-16-132. Physical education.

(a) The General Assembly finds that: