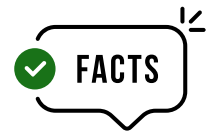




# BLUEPRINT FOR MARYLAND'S FUTURE



Students may need to alter their schedules and/or skip a year of arts instruction in order to fulfill CCR requirements by 10th grade.

According to the Blueprint for Maryland's Future Comprehensive Implementation plan, "The Blueprint for Maryland's Future and the updated CCR standard are not intended to alter the need for high quality programs and content in **fine arts**, civics, physical education, and other areas that are necessary to provide a holistic education and enable every student to be well-rounded and meet the CCR standard."



The Code of Maryland Regulations requires that schools "Provide an instructional program that enables all students in grades 9-12 to meet graduation requirements, **and to select from among fine arts elective courses** of dance, media arts, music, theatre, and visual art **that will prepare them for post-secondary education and careers.**" (COMAR 13a.04.16.01.A2). In order for students to be prepared for post-secondary education and careers and in the arts, they must be able to enroll in the arts discipline of their choice every year of high school with increasing depth of study.



With so many new requirements, there isn't enough funding to support sequential or robust arts staffing.

According to the Blueprint for Maryland's Future Comprehensive Implementation Plan, "Blueprint law specifically authorizes the use of Foundation formula funds and Concentration of Poverty grant funds (through FY 27) for LEAs to meet the requirements of Code of Maryland Regulations: Title 13A, Subtitle 04, SPECIFIC SUBJECTS, including 13A.04.16.01, which includes the arts." Arts staffing is supported through foundation formula funds, and additional wraparound arts services such as after school programs and teaching artist residencies can be supported in community schools with concentration of poverty grants.

