

# Every Student Matters, Every Moment Counts

## **Morton School District #214** Home of the Timberwolves!

PO Box 1219 ~ Morton, WA, 98356 p: 360-496-5300 ~ f: 360-496-5399 www.morton.k12.wa.us

MortonSchoolDistrict214 ~ 2 @MSD21214

### Morton Jr/Sr High School

152 Westlake Ave. ~ Morton, WA, 98356 p: 360-496-5137 ~ f: 360-496-6035

#### **Morton Elementary School**

400 Main Ave. ~ Morton, WA, 98356 p: 360-496-5143 ~ f: 360-496-0327

**Policy:** 2406 The Arts

Section:

0000 Planning

☐ 1000 Board of Directors

2000 Instruction ☐ 3000 Students

□ 4000 Community Relations

■ 5000 Personnel

□ 6000 Management

#### The Arts

The board recognizes the value of providing students an education in the arts, including the disciplines of dance, media arts, music, theater, and visual arts. The arts engage all learning styles, and they lead to powerful and life-long habits, such as creativity, collaboration, communication, and critical thinking. The arts provide students with keys to understanding the world around them and strategies for learning, interpreting, and expressing their thoughts. Students may further develop their art skills through independent activities and programs. The district encourages students and their families to take advantage of any learning opportunities in the arts available to them.

The district will encourage students to learn the arts effectively at a high level of proficiency.

The district also recognizes the importance of allowing students to learn at their own pace, and the educational benefits that can be gained by giving students the opportunity to demonstrate competency of skills, proficiency of standards, and mastery of concepts.

In order to recognize student proficiency in the arts, the superintendent is directed to develop procedures for awarding credits in the arts to students based on demonstrated proficiency across a range of skills in the arts.

Cross References: 2410 - High School Graduation Requirements

Legal References: RCW 28A.230.090 High school graduation requirements or equivalencies —

> Reevaluation of graduation requirements — Review and authorization of proposed changes — Credit for courses taken before attending high school — Postsecondary

credit equivalencies WAC 180-51-050 High school credit — Definition