

## CHAPTER 129C

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Subdivision 1. **Governance.** The board of the Minnesota school of the arts and resource center shall consist of 15 persons. The members of the board shall be appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the senate. At least one member must be appointed from each congressional district.

Subd. 2. **Terms, compensation, and other.** The membership terms, compensation, removal of members, and filling of vacancies shall be as provided for in section 15.0575. A member may serve not more than two consecutive terms.

Subd. 3. **Powers and duties of board.** The board has the powers necessary for the care, management, and control of the Minnesota school of the arts and resource center. The powers shall include, but are not limited to, the following:

(1) to employ and discharge necessary employees, and contract for other services to ensure the efficient operation of the school and resource center;

(2) to establish a charitable foundation and accept, in trust or otherwise, any gift, grant, bequest, or devise for educational purposes and hold, manage, invest, and dispose of them and the proceeds and income of them according to the terms and conditions of the gift, grant, bequest, or devise and its acceptance;

(3) to establish or coordinate evening, continuing education, extension, and summer programs through the resource center for teachers and pupils;

(4) to develop and pilot test an interdisciplinary education program. An academic curriculum must be offered with special programs in dance, literary arts, media arts, music, theater, and visual arts in both the popular and fine arts traditions;

(5) to determine the location for the Minnesota school of the arts and resource center and any additional facilities related to the school, including the authority to lease a temporary facility;

(6) to plan for the enrollment of pupils to ensure statewide access and participation;

(7) to establish advisory committees as needed to advise the board on policies and issues; and

(8) to request the commissioner of education for assistance and services.

Subd. 4. **Employees.** (1) The board shall appoint a director of the school of the arts and resource center who shall serve in the unclassified service.

(2) The board shall employ, upon recommendation of the director, a coordinator of the resource center who shall serve in the unclassified service.

(3) The board shall employ, upon recommendation of the director, up to six department chairpersons who shall serve in the unclassified service. The chairpersons shall be licensed teachers unless no licensure exists for the subject area or discipline for which the chairperson is hired.

(4) The board may employ other necessary employees, upon recommendation of the director.

The employees hired under this subdivision and other necessary employees hired by the board shall be state employees in the executive branch.

**Subd. 5. Resource center.** Beginning in the 1985-1986 school year, the resource center shall offer programs that are directed at improving arts education in elementary and secondary schools throughout the state. The programs offered shall include at least summer institutes offered to pupils in various regions of the state, in-service workshops for teachers, and leadership development programs for teachers. The board shall establish a resource center advisory council composed of elementary and secondary arts educators, representatives from post-secondary educational institutions, department of education, state arts board, regional arts councils, educational cooperative service units, school district administrators, parents, and other organizations involved in arts education. The advisory council shall include representatives from a variety of arts disciplines and from various areas of the state. The advisory council shall advise the board about the activities of the center. Programs offered through the resource center shall promote and develop arts education programs offered by school districts and arts organizations and shall assist school districts and arts organizations in developing innovative programs. The board may contract with nonprofit arts organizations to provide programs through the resource center. The advisory council shall advise the board on contracts and programs related to the operation of the resource center.

**Subd. 6. Public post-secondary institutions; providing space.** Public post-secondary institutions shall provide space for programs offered by the Minnesota school of the arts and resource center at no cost to the Minnesota school of the arts and resource center to the extent that space is available at the public post-secondary institutions.

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