

CHAPTER 129C

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Subdivision 1. Governance. The board of the Minnesota school and resource center for the arts 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. (a) The board has the powers necessary for the care, management, and control of the Minnesota school and resource center for the arts and all its real and personal property. The powers shall include, but are not limited to, those listed in this subdivision.

(b) The board may employ and discharge necessary employees, and contract for other services to ensure the efficient operation of the school and resource center.

(c) The board may 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.

(d) The board may establish or coordinate evening, continuing education, extension, and summer programs through the resource center for teachers and pupils.

(e) The board may identify pupils in grades 9 to 12 who have artistic talent, either demonstrated or potential, in dance, literary arts, media arts, music, theater, and visual arts, or in more than one art form.

(f) The board shall educate pupils with artistic talent by providing:

(1) a pilot interdisciplinary academic and arts program for pupils in the 11th and 12th grades, beginning with 135 pupils in the 11th grade in September 1989, and 135 pupils in the 11th grade and 135 pupils in the 12th grade in September 1990;

(2) intensive arts seminars for one or two weeks for 9th and 10th grade pupils;

(3) summer arts institutes for pupils in grades 9 to 12;

(4) artist mentor and extension programs in regional sites; and

(5) teacher education programs for indirect curriculum delivery.

(g) The board may determine the location for the Minnesota school and resource center for the arts and any additional facilities related to the school, including the authority to lease a temporary facility.

(h) The board must plan for the enrollment of pupils on an equal basis from each congressional district.

(i) The board may establish task forces as needed to advise the board on policies and issues. The task forces expire as provided in section 15.059, subdivision 6.

(j) The board may request the commissioner of education for assistance and services.

(k) The board may enter into contracts with other public and private agencies and institutions for residential and building maintenance services if it determines that these services could be provided more efficiently and less expensively by a contractor than by the board itself. The board may also enter into contracts with public or private

agencies and institutions, school districts or combinations of school districts, or educational cooperative service units to provide supplemental educational instruction and services.

(l) The board may provide or contract for services and programs by and for the arts high school, including a school store, operating in connection with the school; theatrical events; and other programs and services that, in the determination of the board, serve the purposes of the arts high school.

(m) The board may provide for transportation of pupils to and from the school and resource center for the arts for all or part of the school year, as the board considers advisable and subject to its rules. Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, the board may charge a reasonable fee for transportation of pupils. Every driver providing transportation of pupils under this paragraph must possess all qualifications required by the state board of education. The board may contract for furnishing authorized transportation under rules established by the commissioner of education and may purchase and furnish gasoline to a contract carrier for use in the performance of a contract with the board for transportation of pupils to and from the school and resource center for the arts. When transportation is provided, scheduling of routes, establishment of the location of bus stops, the manner and method of transportation, the control and discipline of pupils, and any other related matter is within the sole discretion, control, and management of the board.

(n) The board may provide room and board for its pupils.

(o) The board may establish and set fees for services and programs without regard to chapter 14. If the board sets fees not authorized or prohibited by the Minnesota public school fee law, it may do so without complying with the requirements of section 120.75, subdivision 1.

Subd. 3a. Arts high school fund appropriation. There is established in the state treasury an arts high school fund. All money collected by the board shall be deposited in the fund. Money in the fund, including interest earned, is annually appropriated to the board for the operation of its services and programs.

Subd. 4. Employees. (a) (1) The board shall appoint a director of the school and resource center for the arts 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 chairs who shall serve in the unclassified service. The chairs shall be licensed teachers unless no licensure exists for the subject area or discipline for which the chair is hired.

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

(5) The board shall employ, upon recommendation of the director, an executive secretary for the director, who shall serve in the unclassified service.

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

Subd. 4a. Admission and curriculum requirements generally. (a) The board may adopt rules for admission to and discharge from the school and rules regarding the operation of the school and resource center, including transportation of its pupils. Rules covering admission and discharge are governed by chapter 14. Rules regarding the operation of the school are not governed by chapter 14.

(b) Proceedings concerning admission to or discharge from the school, a pupil's program at the school, and a pupil's progress at the school are governed by the rules adopted by the board and are not contested cases governed by chapter 14.

Subd. 5. Resource center. 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

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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 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 and resource center for the arts at no cost to the Minnesota school and resource center for the arts to the extent that space is available at the public post-secondary institutions.

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