

## Proposed Arts Pathway

In the 2014-15 school year, at the request of districts, the Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) piloted a general arts pathway. The result was that because there was not a recognized industry endorsement or certification that would lead directly to a professional job in Kentucky, the arts pathway was not approved for implementation. A **draft** guidance document on implementation of the arts pathway was mistakenly posted on the KDE website and has been removed.

There are several arts-related pathways that do incorporate a recognized industry endorsement or certification and are currently available to students. Additionally, KDE is considering how various arts classes may be incorporated into other career pathways.

All interested students should still be encouraged and have the opportunity to study the arts in high school as this would support similar studies that could end in a degree at the postsecondary level. Thus, instead of seeking a career-readiness status, a school should encourage any student interested in a career in the arts to achieve college-readiness. In both cases, a student still needs to meet the specified [college- and/or career-ready indicators](#) to earn credit for the school under the Unbridled Learning Assessment and Accountability System.