Minnesota Arts Standards and Legal Requirements

Standards **and** **Benchmarks**	SEC 3. [120B.0021 Subd. 1] [REQUIRED ACADEMIC STANDARDS] (5) the arts, for which statewide or locally developed academic standards apply, as determined by the school district. Public elementary and middle schools must offer at least three and require at least two of the following four arts areas: dance; music; theater; and visual arts. Public high schools must offer at least three and require at least one of the following five arts areas: media arts; dance; music; theater; and visual arts. A school district no later than the 2007-2008 school year, must adopt graduation requirements that meet or exceed state graduation requirements established in law or rule. SEC. 5 [120B.0024] [BENCHMARKS] (a) The commissioner must supplement required state academic standards with grade-level benchmarks. High school benchmarks may cover more than one grade. The benchmarks must implement statewide academic standards by specifying the academic knowledge and skills that schools must offer and students must achieve to satisfactorily complete a state standard. Benchmarks are published to inform and guide parents, teachers, school districts and other interested persons and for use in developing tests consistent with the benchmarks.
School District Process	[120B.11 Subd. 2] [ADOPTING POLICIES] (a) A school board shall adopt annually a written policy that includes the following: (1) district goals for instruction and curriculum; (2) a process for evaluating each student's progress toward meeting graduation standards and identifying the strengths and weaknesses of instruction and curriculum affecting students' progress; (3) a system for periodically reviewing all instruction and curriculum…