

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2023

H

1

HOUSE BILL 498

Short Title: K-5 Art and Music. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Carney, Elmore, K. Hall, and Paré (Primary Sponsors).
For a complete list of sponsors, refer to the North Carolina General Assembly web site.

Referred to: Education - K-12, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

March 29, 2023

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO SPECIFY INSTRUCTION ON MUSIC AND VISUAL ARTS IN ELEMENTARY
3 SCHOOLS.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.** Part 1 of Article 8 of Chapter 115C of the General Statutes is amended
6 by adding the following new sections to read:

7 "**§ 115C-81.90. Elementary music education.**

8 Each local school administrative unit shall provide all students in kindergarten through grade
9 five instruction in music that aligns with the Standard Course of Study. The instruction shall meet
10 at least the following criteria:

- 11 (1) Occur during at least one instructional day out of every five instructional days.
12 (2) Be taught by at least one licensed music education instructor.
13 (3) Instructional sessions shall last at least 30 consecutive minutes.
14 (4) Instructional sessions shall be given to classes no larger than the maximum
15 classroom size per instructional session for each grade, as provided in
16 G.S. 115C-301.

17 "**§ 115C-81.91. Elementary visual arts education.**

18 Each local school administrative unit shall provide all students in kindergarten through grade
19 five instruction in the visual arts that aligns with the Standard Course of Study. The instruction
20 shall meet at least the following criteria:

- 21 (1) Occur during at least one instructional day out of every five instructional days.
22 (2) Be taught by at least one licensed visual arts education instructor.
23 (3) Instructional sessions shall last at least 30 consecutive minutes.
24 (4) Instructional sessions shall be given to classes no larger than the maximum
25 classroom size per instructional session for each grade, as provided in
26 G.S. 115C-301."

27 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law and applies beginning with
28 the 2024-2025 school year.

