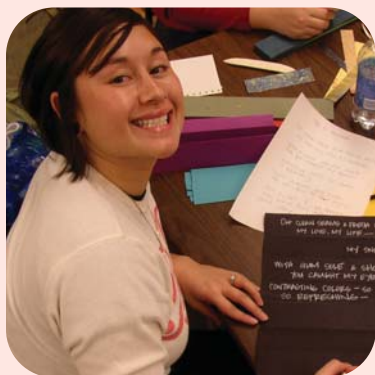


What?

KeepArtsinSchools.org is designed to equip individuals with what they need to make compelling cases for arts learning in their communities and beyond.

KeepArtsinSchools.org provides a number of resources to inform, engage and inspire arts education organizations and advocates to take action and learn more about this important issue.

At **KeepArtsinSchools.org**, parents, teachers, and arts education advocates can quickly and easily access the tools they need to make sure that arts education reaches all students.



KeepArtsinSchools.org uses the power of the Web to make tools and resources available to those seeking to make the arts top priority in public schools and communities at-large.



Who?

Nine arts education programs across the country, with funding from The Ford Foundation serve as examples of quality arts learning happening in all corners of our country.

Alameda County: Alliance for Arts Learning Leadership (AALL) works to make sure that arts education reaches every child, in every school, every day.

Baltimore: The Baltimore Partners for Enhanced Learning uses the arts to help transform middle schools into powerful learning communities.

Berkeley: The Arts Education Initiative (AEI) works with educators to foster extensive integration of arts all along the professional development “pipeline.”

Cleveland: Cleveland Integrated Arts Collaborative (CIAC)’s *Art is Education* initiative encourages students to reach their fullest academic potential and foster learning in and through the arts.

Dallas: Big Thought is one of the largest and strongest non-profit arts education partnerships in the nation.

Jackson: Ask 4 More Arts is an arts integration and artist-in-residence program that can be found in fifteen elementary schools—so far.

Minneapolis: Arts for Academic Achievement enhances student achievement and teacher practice by making arts-based and arts integrated learning an integral component of classroom instruction in public Schools.

St. Louis: Interchange works to boost the academic achievement of the city’s public school students by offering an expanded arts integrated curriculum.

Washington, DC: DC Collaborative’s Arts Education Initiative brings equitable arts experiences, learning, and integration to all students in DC public schools.



Why?

Because Americans Want to Keep Arts In Schools

Public Opinion Fact Sheet from “To Educate the Whole Child, Integrate the Arts,” a national poll, developed in consultation with Douglas Gould & Company. The survey sampled 1,068 Americans, age 18 and over, including an over-sample of 152 K-12 parents.

Arts as a Priority

- 48% of the American public say there is too little emphasis of arts and music at the elementary school level.
- 36% of the American public say there is too little emphasis of arts and music at the high school level.

Who Supports Arts Education?

46% of Americans are core supporters of arts integration. This includes:

- Arts-active parents (60%)
- Teachers (57%)
- Liberals (56%) and Independents (54%)
- Well educated (college grads, 54% and graduate-level experience, 56%)
- Young women under the age of 50 (53%)
- Professionals (53%)



Why Is Integrating Arts in Education Valuable?

- 41% of Americans say that arts integration is valuable because it educates the whole child.
- 22% say that arts integration is valuable because it inspires creativity.

What Are Perceived Barriers To Arts Education?

- 63% of Americans say the biggest barrier to arts integration is teacher training.
- 35% feel that it will take away too much time from the core curriculum.
- Only 20% feel that arts education would distract from standardized tests.

How can I help?

There are many things you can do to keep arts in schools. Here's just a few quick things you can do today.

Get Educated

Read through our latest research to understand the issues impacting arts education in public schools and how best to talk about them.

Write a Letter

The best tool is your voice. Get the facts about arts education and then contact the editor of your local paper to cover the issues.

Spread the Word

Are you an arts education activist or "arts-active parent"? Do you know others who should care about this issue? Tell your friends about KeepArtsinSchools.org (disable your pop-up blocker first) and help us build the movement for integrating arts in education.

Dig Deeper

There are some great articles and comprehensive Web sites out there. Scan through our collection of resources to access information, take action, and keep track of the field.

Stay Connected

Sign up for our e-mail updates on our Web site.

Ask us a Question

Still not sure where to start or what to do? Want to know more about our work? Drop us a line at info@keepartsinschools.org.

All children deserve a great well-rounded education. Learning in and through the arts should be a vital component of a quality public schools for every student -- no matter where they live.

Whether you are a parent, teacher or arts learning supporter, this Web site provides direct and easy access to the tools that will help you become a successful advocate, engage your community and impact policies that will make sure arts learning reaches all students.

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