

Call to Action

You can ensure arts education is part of a complete education for all our children.

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Students: Get your parents involved! Participate in arts courses and attend afterschool arts events; start a dialogue with your guidance counselor, principal, district and school board members about the value of the arts in your education.

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Parents, Families and Friends: Be vocal about your support of arts education. Tell elected officials – from school board members to the Governor – that access to arts education for every Arizona student is important. Share with them your success stories of students in the arts.

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Business Community Members and Funders: Communicate with colleagues, elected officials and policy makers about the critical importance of creativity and innovation in Arizona's future workforce, and how these skills are acquired through arts education. Fund local arts education programs; including support for planning, evaluation and assessment of student achievement.

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Arts and Culture Organizations: Develop sustainable partnerships with schools. Quality partnerships involve on-going communication, development of programs which support the school's mission and standards-based curriculum, and established evaluation of programs, to better meet the needs of students, teachers and community partners. Support arts education through advocacy and professional development for your staff.

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Principals: Include the arts as part of your school's mission. Support arts learning through dedicated funds, planning time and professional development for arts teachers and general classroom teachers; encourage arts integration and teamwork through collaborative release time for arts teachers and other subject area teachers. Seek partnerships with parents and community organizations.

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School Boards and Superintendents: Adopt a vision for your schools which supports the inclusion of the arts for all students as part of a comprehensive curriculum. Create a district-wide arts curriculum that aligns with state standards. Define specific line items for arts education in district budgets to include funds for supplies and coordination at the district level.

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Educators: Collaborate with arts teachers in your school to co-create curriculum that integrates the arts, attend events to show your support for arts education, and find opportunities for professional development to further your abilities to teach in and through the arts.

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Art Teachers: Implement high quality standards-based arts curricula. Advocate for continued professional development and collaborate with teachers in other subject areas to develop arts-integrated instruction outside the arts classroom. Share the creative and innovative successes of your students with school and district leaders.

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Higher Education Institutions: Create professional development programming for arts teachers and general classroom teachers. Collaborate with K-12 school districts to develop innovative arts education partnerships. Include arts education in general teacher programs and administrative certificate programs.