



The Importance of

ART

in Education



Art in Education

- It is on the books that Art is a required component of a child's education.






California State Education Code

- For the past decade, California's policy-makers have increased their attention on the importance of the arts in public education.



California State Education Code

- California's 4-year state universities adopted a one-year visual and performing arts requirement for admission.
 - Began with students entering college in 2003.
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California State Education Code

- The *Visual and Performing Arts Content Standards* were approved by the State Board of Education in 2001.
- Outlined what students should know and be able to do at each grade level in the four arts disciplines:
 - music
 - visual arts
 - theatre
 - dance





California State Education Code

- The California Commission on Teacher Credentialing adopted new program standards in 2001.
 - Revised the subject matter requirements for the multiple-subject credential.
 - Included training in the visual and performing arts in 2004.
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- The existing *Visual and Performing Arts Framework* was revised in 2004:
 - to support curriculum development in the arts.
 - to support instructional practices in the arts aligned with the standards.





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- California policy-makers commit funding to support arts education in 2006.
 - \$500 million in one-time funds for the arts and physical education.
 - \$105 million per year in ongoing funds.
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The Benefits of Art in Education

- The Arts benefit many:
 - Students
 - Schools
 - Communities





The Benefits of Art in Education

- For students, Art enhances
 - Problem-solving skills
 - Critical thinking skills
 - Learning in other subject areas





The Benefits of Art in Education

- Arts education gives students:
 - Exposure to a variety of cultures
 - Empathy
 - Tolerance
 - Openness to working with others





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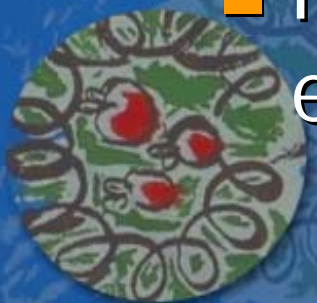
- Prepares students for success in college
- Prepares students for success in the 21st century workforce:
 - Innovation
 - Creativity
 - Imagination








The Benefits of Art in Education for Schools and Communities

- Nurtures collaborative school culture.
- Builds sense of community within school.
- Creates ties to surrounding communities.
- Provides a fun and creative environment.





The Benefits of the Arts for Schools

- Increases students' attendance.
 - Encourages better student behavior.
 - Creates stronger learning environment.
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Art in Education, next steps

- An effective plan of implementation that includes:
 - Hiring of qualified teachers.
 - Standards-based professional development for teachers.
 - A standards-based curriculum.
 - An ongoing assessment of student learning and evaluation of programs.
 - Instructional resources to support standards-based arts education.

