

# ARTS EDUCATION Is Critical for All Students



ACE Leadership Summit- Miami

## ARTS EDUCATION...

- Strongly impacts the developmental growth of every child and has been proven to help level the "learning field" across socio-economic boundaries.

*(Involvement in the Arts and Success in Secondary School, James S. Catterall, The UCLA Imagination Project, Graduate School of Education & Information Studies, UCLA, Americans for the Arts Monograph, January 1998)*

- Increases the overall academic performance of youth engaged in after school and summer arts programs targeted toward delinquency prevention.

*(YouthARTS Development Project, 1996, U.S. Department of Justice, National Endowment for the Arts, and Americans for the Arts)*

## Students who participate in the arts for at least three hours on three days each week through at least one year are:

- 4 times more likely to be recognized for academic achievement
- 3 times more likely to win an award for school attendance

## The arts change the learning experience by:

- Reaching students who are not otherwise being reached.
- Transforming the learning environment.
- Providing new challenges for students already considered successful.
- Connecting learning experiences to the world of real work.

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2007-2010 ACE/FAAE Arts Achieve School - Cypress Lakes High School - Lee County

# Opportunities and Challenges in the U. S.



2007 Kennedy Center National School of Distinction - Gojo Elementary School - Seminole County

To advance student achievement through arts education across the nation, we must:

## Support the National Arts Education Working Group's four recommendations for the reauthorization of the *No Child Left Behind Act*:

- 1) Retain the arts in the definition of core academic subjects for learning.
- 2) Require annual state reports on student access to core academic subjects.
- 3) Improve national data collection and research in arts education.
- 4) Reauthorize the arts in education programs of the U.S. Department of Education.

# Opportunities and Challenges in Florida

## OPPORTUNITIES

To advance student achievement through arts education in Florida schools, we must:

- \* Maintain the integrity of elementary, middle, and high school art, theatre, music, and dance programs.
- \* Align the Florida Statutes with the *No Child Left Behind Act* and define all visual and performing arts courses as part of the core curriculum.
- \* Maintain classrooms designed for visual and performing arts education as spaces dedicated to those original purposes.
- \* Strengthen *Sunshine State Standards* in the Arts.
- \* Include the visual and performing arts in the development of workforce categories and career academies.

## CHALLENGES

Limited equity and access to arts education are unintended consequences of remediation programs, we must:

- \* Ensure that one full credit in a visual or performing arts remains as a high school graduation requirement.
- \* Revise middle school requirements to include at least one full credit of study in visual or performing arts.

The constant focus on required remedial classes for students who score poorly on FCAT limits access to elective classes. We are unintentionally discriminating against low-performing students. U.S. Department of Education research demonstrates that students with high levels of arts participation outperform arts-poor students on virtually every measure.

## ARTS FOR A COMPLETE EDUCATION/FLORIDA ALLIANCE FOR ARTS EDUCATION

Since 1989, ACE/FAAE has united schools and communities to ensure Florida's students a complete education that includes the arts. Through the arts, the quality of life for all Floridians is improved and enhanced.

### THE ARTS:

- ...are basic to a complete education;
- ...are essential to the vitality and quality of life in schools and communities;
- ...address both cultural inclusiveness and diversity;
- ...are powerful in the education of students with special needs;
- ...have a positive impact in student achievement.

### OUR MISSION:

To improve, enhance, and promote arts education in Florida.

### OUR VISION:

For every child in every school to have a well-rounded education that includes a comprehensive, sequential, high-quality program of arts instruction; and for all Florida communities to have broad-based cultural programs available to support lifelong learning in and through the arts.

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