

Colorado State Board of Education

ARTS RESOLUTION

Whereas, the arts are one of the basic expressions of humanity, and;

Whereas, the arts represent a unique way of expressing human intelligence and fostering aesthetic experiences, and;

Whereas, the arts contribute to the creative, collaborative and critical thinking skills necessary for a global workforce, and;

Whereas, a design component of education is to meet needs of all students, and;

Whereas, the arts are a core academic area as defined by state and federal legislation, and;

Whereas, the arts are inherently valuable as core disciplines and as learning partners with core disciplines, and;

Whereas, the arts have a demonstrated ability to increase attendance rates, graduation rates, student achievement, and facilitate higher scholastic achievement, and;

Whereas, the arts have a demonstrated ability to remediate delinquent behavior, and;

Whereas, high-stakes testing, accountability, and the increase in college entrance requirements have led to reduction in equal opportunity for and access to arts programs for Colorado students; and

Whereas, schools across Colorado, backed by national research, show that a strong arts education program, integrated throughout the curriculum, leads to higher academic achievement, higher graduation rates, and greater success in post-secondary education.

Be It Resolved that the Colorado State Board of Education supports equal opportunity and access to the study of and participation in the arts as part of a core curriculum within the school day for all Colorado students.