

The Institute for Education and the Arts aims to broaden awareness, understanding, and support for teaching through and about the arts to help all children in grades K-12 engage effectively in their learning and to improve achievement in all core subjects.

The Institute seeks to make connections between individuals and organizations, without promoting specific programs or materials; the Institute seeks to make connections between individuals and organizations for the purpose of sharing information and ideas about the power of the role of the arts in education.

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- Advocates use of the creative arts to help teach core academic subjects and skills across the K-12 curriculum
- Demonstrates the power and feasibility of using the creative arts to improve academic performance
- Encourages increased cooperation among local educators, artists and other professionals in support of school curriculum standards and goals
- Increases awareness and encourages greater use of available state, regional and national education and cultural programs and resources
- Provides a variety of forums, national, state, and local, for the exchange and awareness of effective practices in using the arts to help improve academic performance
- Facilitates the design and development of professional development opportunities and curriculum planning appropriate to specific schools, districts, and communities – leading to frequent, regular, and sustained use of the arts in K-12 classrooms.

The Institute was established in 2002 to promote the use of the creative arts to help teach core academic subjects at the K-12 levels. Based in Washington, DC, the Institute is the education program of the National Music Center and Museum Foundation, a private non-profit organization operating in association with the Smithsonian Institution and the Library of Congress.

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