

THEATRE AND THE ARTS

did you know...?

→ The arts are a core subject under federal law, similar to math, English, and other curricular academics.

Source: U.S. Dept. of Education.

→ In a 2005 Harris Poll, 93% of Americans said that the arts are vital to providing a well-rounded education for children.

Source: Americans for the Arts, 2005.

→ At-risk eighth graders highly involved in the arts have better grades, less likelihood of dropping out by grade nine, have more positive attitudes about school, and are more likely to go on to college.

Source: Arts Education Partnership summary of *Doing Well and Doing Good by Doing Art*, 2009.

→ Researchers found that “sustained learning” in theatre correlates to greater success in math and reading, and students from lower socioeconomic backgrounds see the greatest benefits.

Source: *Champions of Change: The Impact of the Arts on Learning*, Arts Education Partnership, 1999.

→ Classroom drama games increase literacy skills in young children.

Source: *Critical Links: Learning in the Arts and Student Academic and Social Achievement*, Arts Education Partnership, 2002.

→ “The study of drama, dance, music, and the visual arts helps students explore realities, relationships, and ideas that cannot be conveyed simply in words or numbers.” —Arne Duncan, Secretary of Education.

Source: *Reinvesting in Arts Education*, President’s Committee on the Arts and Humanities report, 2011.

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