



Good schools have the arts.

We are committed to ensuring that the arts are an essential part of the quality education that all NYC public school children deserve.



Every child in every school needs the arts.

Parents know the value of the arts in their children's lives. And research shows that music, visual arts, drama and dance play an essential role in a quality education.

The arts:

- Engage kids more fully in school, motivating them to learn
- Help at-risk kids stay in school and graduate on time
- Develop cognitive, analytic and creative skills
- Build confidence and self-expression
- Offer channels for emotional expression and healing
- Provide a gateway to careers in NYC's \$21 billion creative sector

The arts help transform schools into places of inquiry and wonder, where excitement, possibility, discovery and imagination thrive.

Beyond having great value in and of themselves, the arts promote the health and well-being of children—and they are required by state law.

New York State requires that all students receive instruction in the arts throughout their K–12 education. However, lack of compliance with state mandates is widespread.

- Only 39% of New York City elementary schools provide visual arts, music, dance and theater instruction at each grade level as required by law.
- Only 60% of middle schools ensure that every child receives the required coursework in the arts for grades 7 and 8.
- Nearly 20% of high schools do not have any certified arts teacher on staff despite state mandates requiring that all students complete instruction in the arts taught by a certified arts teacher.

“I don't think I would have become president if it had not been for school music.”

– Former President Bill Clinton



The Center for Arts Education is leading the effort to restore quality arts education for New York City's more than one million public school students.

Visit www.caenyc.org to learn more about The Center for Arts Education.

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“A school cannot be a good school if children never encounter the arts, if they never have a chance to participate in the arts, if they never draw or dance or perform in a play or play an instrument or make a video or create something from their imagination.” — Diane Ravitch, NYU Steinhardt School of Education



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Our Mission

The Center for Arts Education is committed to stimulating and sustaining quality arts education as an essential part of every child's education in the New York City public schools.

Instruction in the arts nurtures children's inherent potential, cultivating innovative thinking and empowering them to become productive citizens in the 21st-century workforce.

By ensuring that every child in every school receives the arts instruction to which they are entitled, we can help provide all children with an equal opportunity for academic and personal success.

What We Do

We create a positive impact on the lives of children using a multifaceted approach that includes:

- Raising awareness of the value of arts learning
- Helping parents and caregivers become powerful advocates for their children's education
- Creating and supporting arts education programs in schools
- Improving the quality of teaching and learning through professional development and strategic partnerships
- Advocating for positive arts education policy

How We Do It

CAE provides tools and resources to deliver quality arts learning for all children.

Our innovative teaching and learning programs foster collaboration among teachers, school leaders and cultural organizations to create and sustain arts-rich communities.

Our advocacy initiatives educate policymakers and the public about the value of arts education as an essential ingredient in a quality education and a fundamental part of children's overall health and well-being.

Teaching & Learning Programs

- **Professional Development** offerings for K-12 educators address arts integration, cultural experiences, media and technology, parent engagement and college and career readiness.
 - **The Principals Institutes** help school leaders implement and integrate sustainable arts education programs in their schools so that every child can participate in the arts.

- **Teaching Artist Institutes** train professional artists in dance, theater, music and the visual arts to work in schools with students, teachers and families.
- **Conferences** in partnership with the United Federation of Teachers Teacher Center provide innovative city-wide professional development.
- **Career Development Programs** offer opportunities for high school students and educators to participate in school-to-career activities in the arts and creative sector.
- **Parents As Arts Partners** engages parents and families in the school community through hands-on, interactive arts education activities that build parents' understanding about the importance of the arts.
- **School Arts Support Initiative** is dedicated to transforming middle schools that have little or no arts education into arts-rich schools.
- **Teaching Artist Residencies** offer students rich experiences in the visual arts, music, dance, theater and media
- **Arts Powered Learning** online modules share promising practices used in schools as models for quality education programs.

Arts Education Action Network

Our coalition of parents, educators and leaders of arts and community organizations and businesses works to ensure that every child in every school receives a quality arts education.

- **Parent Engagement** helps parents become champions for arts in their children's education — at home, school and at every level of government. We also provide free publications to help parents understand how arts education benefits their children and learn about resources available in their schools and communities.
- **Public Affairs** efforts inform and encourage elected officials and policymakers to support arts education programs in public schools.

“My husband and I believe strongly that arts education is essential for building innovative thinkers who will be our nation's leaders of tomorrow... It's our hope that we can all work together to expose, enrich and empower Americans of all ages through the arts.”

— First Lady Michelle Obama



How to Get Involved

Whether you are a parent, teacher, teaching artist, community leader or an elected official, there are many ways in which you can join our campaigns to ensure that every child in every school has arts education.

Visit www.caenyc.org to learn how to:

- Join the Arts Education Action Network: Learn about issues in arts education and take action
- Request our free Parent Guides to understand how arts education benefits children
- Make a donation to support our activities
- Take advantage of our free online resources
- Apply to the Parents As Arts Partners program to build family arts programming and activities in your community
- Become a Career Development Program worksite for student interns
- Participate in Professional Development activities and learn how to embed arts learning in your school's curricula
- Urge your elected official to sponsor legislation that creates positive changes in funding, space and accountability for the arts in our schools

