

# Arts Education Baseline Survey

The baseline survey is intended to be filled out by entire school staff, from administrators to custodians, to get 1) a sense of the backgrounds of the current staff and see how they relate to and/or incorporate the arts into their professional/personal lives; 2) to see where the school is in terms of actual curriculum offerings; and 3) to see what plans are afoot from the teacher's perspectives. If a question does not apply write: n/a

## 1. Background Information

a. Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

b. Your Role: (e.g. teacher, parent, administration, other school staff): \_\_\_\_\_

c. Name/Number of School: \_\_\_\_\_

d. Degrees (Circle your most recent degree): A.B./B.S.    M.A./M.S.    Ph. D.    Ed. D    Other \_\_\_\_\_  
Specify

e. Undergraduate major subjects/areas of concentration:  
\_\_\_\_\_

f. Graduate area(s) of concentration:  
\_\_\_\_\_

g. Are you or have you ever been a practicing artist? Yes / No

If "yes," please elaborate on your answer  
\_\_\_\_\_

h. Teaching/Administrative Assignment(s):

Current school year    \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_  
Grade                    / Subject (s)

Current school year    \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_  
Grade                    / Subject (s)

Last school year        \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_  
Grade                    / Subject (s)

Last school year        \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_  
Grade                    / Subject (s)

i. Years of teaching experience (circle most accurate description):

1 – 3 years    4 – 10 years    10 – 15 years    15+ years

**2. Your Experience as a Participant in the Arts:**

What, if any, is your involvement, and frequency of that involvement, in one or more artistic disciplines (for example, I attend dance performances 1x per month.” “I go to museums 2x per month.” “I sing in the church choir 1x per week.” “I create original art.” “I have an MFA in drama.”)

Discipline	Description of involvement	Frequency of involvement
DRAMA		
MUSIC		
VISUAL ART		
DANCE		

**3. Your Opinions About Arts [in] Education:**

Please indicate the degree to which each of the following statements reflects your opinion.

Statement	Agree	Somewhat agree	Dis-agree	Some-what disagree	Not Sure
a. Infusing the arts into the academic curriculum may result in improvement in test scores for my students.					
b. Enhancing the curriculum with arts related activities may assist me to engage my students in learning.					
c. I feel confident enhancing the teaching of my specialty with arts related activities on my own.					
d. I feel confident enhancing the teaching of my specialty in collaboration with a teaching artist.					
e. It is worthwhile for the school to set aside time during the day for instruction in arts disciplines (music, art, dance, theatre, literary arts).					
f. Using the extended day as a time/venue for creative arts activities is preferable to using the regular school day.					
g. It is worthwhile to occasionally to cancel a few classroom sessions in order for my students to attend a performance or exhibition.					

**4. Teaching practices:**

In the past year, I	Not at all	1x week	Monthly	1x per semester	1x per/yr	With a Teaching Artist	Not applicable
a. Integrated creative arts activities into other subjects							
b. Set aside learning time for arts history and/or criticism							
c. Attended arts events/exhibitions off site with my class(es)							
d. Created arts events with my students (plays, exhibits) for the school's appreciation/audience							
e. Collaborated with teaching artists							

**5. IF you worked with a Teaching Artist and/or arts organization last year, please describe the content/process of the collaboration briefly:**

**6. IF you attempted to infuse an arts activity to enhance your curriculum last year, please describe briefly:**

**7. Planning for New Fall Semester:**

Item	Yes	No	Not sure	If yes, what discipline/theme?	Not applicable
a. I am interested in collaborating with a teaching artist this year.					
b. I plan to take my students to live performances of dance and/or drama this year.					
c. I plan to put on a show with my class this year.					
d. I want to learn more about how to infuse the arts into my subject specialty.					
e. I want to learn how to evaluate the impact of the arts on my students' academic performance.					
f. I prefer to attend planning meetings after school hours rather than during the school day.					
Comments:					

**8. IF you have already planned to take your students to professional performances/exhibits, please indicate below what they are:**

**9. Additional comments:**

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