

Arts Education Matters

Research shows:

- Students involved in the arts are 4x more likely to be recognized for academic achievement and 3x more likely to win a school attendance award.
- 72% of today's business leaders say that creativity is the number one skill they seek when hiring.
- Students engaged in arts learning score higher on the SAT and are more likely to graduate on time than peers with little school-day arts instruction.

Voting This Fall Can Help Arts Education

Elected officials make decisions about funding and policy that impacts what students learn and what resources schools receive. All City elected officials including Mayor, Public Advocate, Comptroller, District Attorneys, Borough Presidents, and City Council members may be up for election.

Resources

Voter Registration Information: vote.nyc.ny.us

Learn About Candidates: nycefb.info/voterguide

Find Your Representatives: <u>mygovnyc.org</u>

Call 311 to find out where you should vote, election dates, and more.

Important dates

Primary Elections: September 12, 2017 Register by August 18, 2017 General Election: November 7, 2017 Register by October 13, 2017

NYC Has Arts Learning Requirements for All Students

| Grades | Required Hours | Arts Learning Requirements |
|-------------|----------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| PreK-K | n/a | Arts integrated into all curriculum |
| Grades 1-3 | 186 | All students spend 20% of time learning art skills |
| Grades 4-6 | 93 | All students spend 10% of time learning art skills |
| Grades 7-8 | 110 | All students must complete 2 half units taught by a licensed arts teacher |
| High School | 108 | All students must complete 1 unit taught by a licensed arts teacher |

Department of Education: schools.nyc.gov

Office of Arts & Special Projects: schools.nyc.gov/offices/teachlearn/arts/index2.html

The Center for Arts Education is committed to ensuring that each of NYC's 1.1 million public school students receives a quality education which includes the arts.

Visit <u>centerforartsed.org/voteforartsed</u> for more info.

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Partner organizations include:

Alliance of Resident Theatre New York <u>art-newyork.org</u> Arts East New York <u>artseastny.org</u>

Dance/NYC dance.nyc

New York Foundation for the Arts nyfa.org

NYC Coalition for Educational Justice nyccej.org
St. Nick's Alliance stnicksalliance.org

The New York Coalition of Community Schools of the Arts