National Association for Music Education
Welcome to a new national campaign in support of arts education for all students!

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What we know

Arts education

✔ nurtures healthy, inclusive communities where all points of view are respected.

✔ promotes cultural awareness and civil discourse.

✔ supports the social and emotional well-being of students and fosters a welcoming and safe school environment;

✔ provides multiple pathways for every student’s creative voice and the communication of their ideas.
Arts education is part of a well-rounded education for all students as understood and supported by federal and state policymakers.
The Challenges to arts education in 2021-22

- Budget shortfalls
- A focus on remediation
- A continued need for Personal Protective Equipment that is unique to the performing arts classroom
The campaign core ask

The Arts ARE Education and must remain central to a well-rounded education and fully funded to support the well-being of all students and the entire school community.

We are asking school boards and community members throughout the country to support funding for school-based arts education programs in 2021-22.
What we must do

Mobilize our colleagues, teachers, administrators, students, legislators, and all community members who believe that school-based education in dance, media arts, music, theatre and visual arts must remain available to all students.
The campaign tools

The Arts ARE Education
School Board Resolution

Whereas all students have the right to an arts education that includes dance, media arts, music, theatre, and visual arts taught by certified arts educators, in partnership with community providers…
The campaign tools

The Arts ARE Education Pledge

The arts are part of a balanced education, providing America’s learners with crucial skills and knowledge they need to be productive, college- and career-ready individuals...
The campaign tools

State Representative Template Letter

Please fully fund public education, including the arts, during this year’s budgeting process. In addition, I encourage you to invite the schools in your legislative district to adopt the Arts ARE Education resolution at https://artsareeducation.org
The campaign tools

Dear School Board letter

The Arts ARE Education Resolution asks you, the school board for ____________ district, to resolve that the district will continue to fully fund and provide appropriate resources to support arts education programs during the 2021-2022 school year and beyond…
Campaign talking points

Schools and communities that recognize the value of arts education in the 2021-22 school year and beyond should ensure that:

✔ Arts education programs continue to be funded.

✔ Classes are offered across all arts disciplines and appropriately scheduled.

✔ Curriculum and scheduling designed to address “learning loss” include the arts.

✔ Arts educators continue to be employed and teach in the discipline for which they were trained.
Campaign talking points

✔ Instructional resources that are critical to an arts program’s success should always be available.

✔ Professional development for arts educators be appropriate and comparable to that of other subject area teachers.

✔ Facilities built and furnished for arts-based activities be used for that purpose.

✔ Arts educator evaluation be done in the larger context of professional development and mindful of the “new norms” of practice adopted under the pandemic era.
Conversation with music ed advocates
Music Education and Social Emotional Learning

What is Social Emotional Learning?

Social Emotional Learning (SEL) describes the development of skills in three domains: self, others, and responsible decision-making.

"Self" includes:
- Self-awareness, which is the ability to identify and recognize emotions
- Self-management skills such as perseverance and the ability to manage impulse control

"Others" includes:
- Relationship skills such as cooperation, empathy, and responsible communication
- Social awareness skills such as the ability to recognize diverse thoughts and opinions

Combined, all of these skills support responsible decision-making.

"Responsible Decision-Making" includes:
- Behavioral skills such as self-regulation, self-monitoring, and cooperation with others
- Cooperative skills such as balancing personal and group expectations

Music Education and Social Emotional Learning

Music education is well-suited to help students develop socially and emotionally.

- Music education often works with the same students in class multiple years, positioning them well to positively impact students individual growth.
- The most conducive environment for SEL is one that includes positive developmental relationships. Music education can provide contexts for these relationships through encouraging collaboration and creativity in a safe environment.
- Musical experiences can help us connect with these emotions. Sometimes music even provides a safe space for exploring physical responses and expressing internal reactions.
- For students, music education provides the opportunity to reflect on the influence emotions have on their physical and psychological states.
- Music programs involve school staff, parents, and the local community, supporting students and families necessary to support social emotional development.

Bibliography


How can public policy support music education and Social Emotional Learning?

- More time in music classes
- Support participation in music through thoughtful choosing of music classes
- Support music educators' professional growth with professional development that is devoted to the courses they are teaching.

States can:
- Adopt state standards modeled on the National Core Arts Standards and the CASME framework for Social Emotional Learning and three connections between the arts and SEL:
- Integrate access to music education as an accountability measure on school evaluation metrics.
- Support music as an integral part of early childhood care and education.

Congress can:
- Fully fund Title IV, Part A: Student Support and Academic Enrichment Grant which supports well-rounded education, effective use of technology, and safe and healthy schools.
- Fully fund Title I, Part A, Title II, Part A and Title IV, Part B, which can also support access to music education for all students.
- Pass the Guarantee Access to Art and Music Education Act (GAAEM), which clarifies specific eligibility for funds to support music education for students in need.

Local Advocacy Action Plan

Other advocacy resources...
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