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ARTS for a COMPLETE EDUCATION



THE FLORIDA ALLIANCE for ARTS EDUCATION (ACE/FAAE)



REACH FOR THE ARTS—
 through the arts, the quality
 of life improves for all
 Floridians.



We believe the arts are essential to the vitality and quality of life in schools and communities.

OUR ROOTS:

Since 1989, ACE/FAAE has united educators, artists, community leaders, concerned citizens, arts education organizations, arts institutions, and corporate partners to ensure Florida's students a complete education that includes the arts. This has been accomplished through a collaborative partnership among the Florida Department of Education, Florida Department of State/Division of Cultural Affairs, and the Kennedy Center Alliance for Arts Education Network.

OUR MISSION:

To promote, improve, and enhance arts education in Florida.

OUR VISION:

For every child in every school to have a well-rounded education that includes a comprehensive, sequential, high quality program of arts instruction; and for all Florida communities to have broad-based cultural programs available to support lifelong learning in and through the arts.

WHO DOES ACE/FAAE SERVE?

- Students, first and foremost...more than 125,000 dance, music, theatre, and visual art students are impacted annually.
- Arts educators, teaching artists, schools, and school districts
- Local ACE coalitions for arts education

OPPORTUNITIES:

To advance student achievement and retention in Florida schools, we must:

1. Maintain the integrity of elementary, middle, and high school dance, music, theatre, and visual art classes and programs.
2. Work to define the arts as part of the core curriculum in Florida in alignment with the *No Child Left Behind Act*.
3. Maintain classrooms designed for performing and visual arts education as spaces dedicated to these original purposes.
4. Include the visual and performing arts in career academies and workforce education career tracks.

CHALLENGES:

1. Work with local ACE coalitions in all Florida counties to ensure equal time and access to arts-based learning opportunities for all students. *
2. Connect school and community arts education resources through public and private partnerships.
3. Identify and share meaningful strategies being used in Florida to dramatically improve student literacy and academic performance through the arts.
4. Recognize exemplary arts education practices in schools and communities.

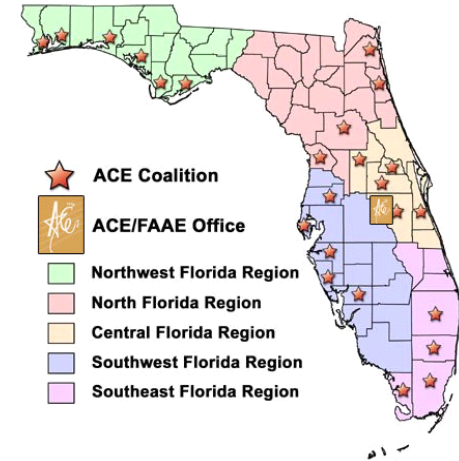
* The focus on required remediation classes for students who perform poorly on FCAT limits access to elective classes, an unintended consequence. This requirement unintentionally discriminates against low-performing students. U.S. Department of Education research demonstrates that students with high levels of participation outperform arts-poor students on virtually every measure.



The ARTS are BASIC to a COMPLETE education.

The ARTS....

- Help students develop skills in creativity, communication, and cooperation.
- Stimulate students' interest in learning.
- Enhance students' ability to transfer, apply, and integrate knowledge.
- Help students develop basic skills that will improve their performance in any career.
- Address cultural inclusiveness and diversity, and assure preservation of cultural heritage.
- Are powerful in the education of students with special needs.
- Are essential to the vitality and quality of life in schools and communities.
- Have a positive impact on student achievement.



LOCAL ACE COALITIONS:

Local ACE coalitions work to ensure the place of arts education in their local schools and communities. They bring together diverse individuals and groups of people who share a common interest in the arts and arts education to advance this common cause in partnership with local schools and districts.