

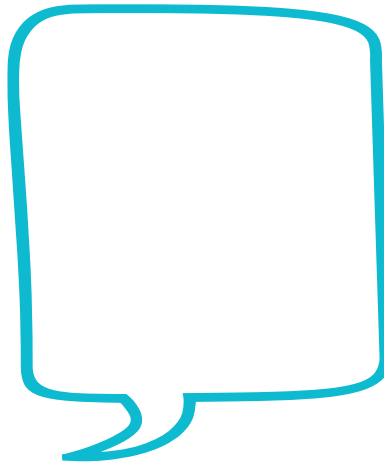
Arts and Humanities

Learning Through the Arts



RESPOND to questions that people have been asking each other for a very long time:

“Why should students learn about the arts and gain skills in music, visual art, dance, drama, storytelling, media arts, etc.?”



“How do the arts express who we are, what we think, and how we feel in tangible and sharable ways?”



CREATE a poster showing the benefits of the arts. Consider how the arts express our humanity and how lives are enhanced by artistic thinking and engagement. Reflect on how the arts personally engage you and influence your ideas. Design a draft poster by sketching an eye-catching and emotionally powerful design with a few carefully chosen words. Then transfer your draft sketch to a large sheet of poster board and finalize the artwork.

SKETCH AN IDEA FOR YOUR POSTER.



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PRESENT and display your poster in an area where it will be seen by decision makers who keep arts programs going strong—perhaps near the school board’s meeting room or in a city council building. When you ask permission to display the posters, explain that they are a way to thank those who understand the role the arts play in helping people communicate and enhancing community as well as individual well-being.



CONNECT your ideas about the importance of the arts with what it means to be human and the meaning of the word humanities. Why are the arts and humanities connected and used to inform us about ancient as well as modern civilizations?