

Schools of Excellence in Arts Education Award 2015 Nomination Questions

Submission Requirements:

- Narrative responses should be no more than six (6) pages total.
- Font size should not be smaller than 12 point type and margins should be no less than 1 inch.

Questions:

1. Please provide a brief description of how arts education is an **essential component** of your school's curriculum. Which arts subjects are taught as stand-alone content areas and which are integrated with other content areas? Which classes are taught during the school day and which after school (indicate beside the class name whether the class is taught during school or before/after school)? Please provide a LIST of classes indicating how frequently they are taught per week or month. Also indicate which classes are regular or electives.

Please include information on the roles and numbers of arts specialists in this format:

Total numbers of certified Arts Teachers in the School

	Number Employed Full-time	Number Employed Part-time
Dance		
Music		
Theatre		
Visual Arts		

* Please indicate separately if there are any teaching artist(s) that are at your school on a regular, ongoing basis.

2. Explain how your school's arts education programs generate and use **creative approaches to learning** and provide appropriate learning environments for teaching the arts.
3. In what ways do parents play a role in supporting and/or participating in the creative opportunities at your school? Please give specific examples.
4. Explain how your school's curriculum provides students with opportunities for **authentic learning about other cultures** through the arts?
5. How does your school's arts program link arts education to the community and provide **community connections** that offer students diverse experiences beyond the classroom? Describe community arts events that come into the school, outside events that students attend, and community partners that you work with describing how they play a role in your arts provision.
6. Please provide available academic ranking(s) that serve as testimony to how your students are achieving in comparison to other students such as in the district, state, and nation. Also, please include information about your enrollment and the demographics of your school.
7. Describe the evolution of your arts programs. Was there was a specific point where a choice was made to increase or deepen the arts emphasis? What changes and impacts have you observed in your school that you attribute to your arts learning programs?