

Inspiration: Art Key Points

- Incorporate more art into the school systems.
- More allocation of funding towards art-related programs
- “Art is a necessity”- it stimulates and educates. It is crucial for full development of children into adulthood and increases their potential throughout maturity.
- SAT scores w/art related programs VS. w/o art related programs?
- NC allocation of budgeting per student for art related programs in schools?
- Art is found within the very core of the Miss America pageant (contestants MUST have a platform, good interview, good fitness, and a TALENT). The pageant itself acknowledges the need for the arts.
- Art contributes to every aspect of life, but the benefits are best seen if art is integrated at a young age.
- Artists have the ability to deconstruct to reconstruct. This is the opposite of the business model in schools, yet is a key ingredient in successful business practices.
- Art fosters the creative thinking process and cultivates a new POV for each individual.
- It breaks down the traditional rigid way to process things, and gives a new perspective on problem solving.
- Art encourages observation, development, decision making, etc.
- There is a typical stigma associated with the word “artist”. People tend to think “scatter-brained, eccentric, strange, etc.” When in reality art is extremely disciplined and somewhat methodical. (ex. Ballroom dancing, figure skating, reading sheet music, playing an instrument, etc.)
- The Barnes Foundation was established by Albert C. Barnes in 1922 to “promote the advancement of education and the appreciation of the fine arts and horticulture.” These programs, occurring at the Philadelphia campus, online, and in Philadelphia communities, advance the mission through progressive, experimental and interdisciplinary teaching and learning. The Barnes Foundation offers a progressive approach to learning. Using an inquiry-based method, students of all ages are encouraged to develop their visual and analytical skills under the direction of dedicated instructors. In all Barnes courses, students debate, exchange ideas, and engage in the discovery of new ways of seeing and thinking. (<http://www.barnesfoundation.org/education/art/>)
- An example of using art within our world: What exactly, then, is the art of medicine? Hegde (1999) speaks of medicine as an art based on science. The art of medicine remains the same and is the strong foundation of practice. It is permanent and has evolved through the centuries based on human values and intuition. Its thrust is to allay anxiety in the minds of patients and to console them under all circumstances. (<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC3190445/>)

- The Governor's School was completely eliminated from the 2011-2013 biennial budget for NC Schools.
(<http://www.ncpublicschools.org/docs/budget/communication/budgetguide.pdf>)
- NC state average of expenditures per pupil for 2012 was \$5361.
(<http://www.ncleg.net/documentsites/committees/JLEOC/Committee%20Meetings/2013-2014%20Committee%20Meetings/February%204,%202014/Rebecca%20Troutman-Local%20Funding%20for%20NC%20School%20Systems.pdf>)
- <http://www.newsobserver.com/2013/07/05/3012498/short-sighted-nc-lawmakers-cut.html>
- <http://www.artsnc.org/advocacy/current-issues/>