

10 Simple Ways to bring more **ART** into kids' lives

1 Participate

Sing, play music, read a book, dance, or draw with your child at home.

2 Support

Encourage your child to participate in creative outlets and celebrate their participation in or out of school.

3 Go read

Visit your local library and read "the classics" together—from Mother Goose to Walt Whitman.

4 Speak up

Attend a school board or PTA meeting and voice your support for adequately funded arts education programs as part of the school's budget. Check out our free tool kits at www.artsaskformore.org to start the conversation.

5 Take the lead

Tell your child's teacher, principal, and school leadership about how vital the arts are to quality education. Ask them what they need!



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6 Think local

Read your local newspaper or community web site to find out about local cultural outings for you and a child.

7 Volunteer

Donate time, supplies, or advocacy efforts to your local arts organizations' education programs. Connect these services to your child's school.

8 Join the cause

Join our Facebook Cause - "Keep Arts in Public Schools. It's free! <http://www.causes.com/causes/3257-keep-the-arts-in-public-schools>

9 Be an advocate

Contact your local elected officials and ask for more arts education funding on the local, state, and federal levels. Take action for free by visiting Americans for the Arts' E-Advocacy Center at www.capwiz.com/artsusa/home/

10 Stay informed

Keep up to date on the latest arts education news by subscribing to our RSS Feeds on our Arts Blog at <http://blog.artsusa.org/>

Did You Know?

Young people who participate in the arts for at least 3 hours for 3 days each week for 1 year are:

- **4 times** more likely to be recognized for academic achievement
- **4 times** more likely to participate in a math and science fair
- **3 times** more likely to win an award for school attendance