Arts Education Resources

National or Out-of-State

A+ Schools
The A+ Schools Program in North Carolina is an approach to teaching and learning grounded in the belief that the arts can play a central role in how children learn. It represents a viable option for schools seeking a focus based on similar beliefs. The A+ approach to learning is based on Howard Gardner's extensive research on multiple intelligences and is also supported by recent brain research and other theories of intelligence. It combine interdisciplinary teaching and daily arts instruction, offering children opportunities to learn through all the ways in which they are able.

Americans for the Arts and Arts Education in Public Schools
As a national organization whose mission is to make the arts more accessible to people of all ages, Americans for the Arts has developed a comprehensive, easy-to-navigate web site with a category devoted entirely to arts education. This site provides a national inventory of arts education alliances as well as information about upcoming events in the field of arts education. An on-line clearinghouse for arts education research and publications lets you access and purchase books, articles, speeches, and book excerpts on topics relating to the arts and education. The site also disseminates information on issues ranging from funding and legislation to conferences and technical assistance opportunities for artists and arts organizations working with young people.

ARTSEdge
ARTSEdge — the National Arts and Education Network — supports the placement of the arts at the center of the curriculum and advocates creative use of technology to enhance the K-12 educational experience. ARTSEdge empowers educators to teach in, through, and about the arts by providing the tools to develop interdisciplinary curricula that fully integrate the arts with other academic subjects. ARTSEdge offers free, standards-based teaching materials for use in and out of the classroom, as well as professional development resources, student materials, and guidelines for arts-based instruction and assessment. ARTSEdge is a project of the Kennedy Center.

Evaluation Handbook
An excellent primer on project evaluation from the W K Kellog Foundation.

Federal Resources for Educational Excellence
Links to free educational resources from federal agencies.

Lincoln Center Institute for the Arts in Education
Lincoln Center Institute (LCI), the educational cornerstone of Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts, is a global leader in education and the arts. Founded in 1975, the Institute is known for its inventive repertory, and brings dance, music, theater, film, visual arts, and architecture into classrooms in the New York City area, across the nation, and around the world

NGA Classroom
Art and artist information, classroom materials, and curriculum from the National Gallery of Art.

Partners in Education
The Partners in Education program of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts is designed to assist arts organizations throughout the nation to develop or expand educational partnerships with their local school systems. The primary purpose of these partnerships is to provide professional development in the arts for teachers. The program is based on the belief that the professional development of teachers is an essential component of any effort designed to increase the artistic literacy of young people.

PBS Teachers
Free high quality preK-12 resources for teachers with its own section on the arts.
The Whole Schools Initiative
The Whole Schools Initiative, Mississippi’s first comprehensive statewide arts education program, uses the arts as a vehicle for promoting high-quality instruction and learning for students in all disciplines. This unique program goes far beyond “art for art’s sake” and applies the learning power of the arts across the entire curriculum.

New Mexico

New Mexico Public Education Department Arts Standards
Viewing the Arts Education Standards & Benchmarks, sample lessons, resources, and performance standards.

New Mexico Public Education Arts Education Funding
Information regarding arts education funding in New Mexico public schools.

New Mexico Art Education Association
The association’s mission is to advance and enhance quality art education by offering professional development, leadership and service opportunities for its members.

New Mexico Music Educators Association
The NMMEA promotes the advancement of music through public, private and parochial schools and other institutions in New Mexico. They present an annual all-state music conference of high school musicians and professional development workshops.

University of New Mexico Art Education Program
Prepares art professionals to meet the needs of diverse populations in the state and nation. The program supports art professionals in their examination of multiple approaches to art education; these include, but are not limited to image-focused, discipline-based, and issues-based art education as well as visual culture. Has both undergraduate and graduate programs.