

## ARTS EDUCATION

WHEREAS, Arts education plays an important role in developing students' skills in critical thinking, creativity, imagination and innovation<sup>1</sup>; and

WHEREAS, Students involved in the arts have a higher level of academic success<sup>2</sup>; and

WHEREAS, At-risk students who are engaged in the arts have better academic achievement, job opportunities and are more engaged civically than those who do not<sup>3</sup>; and

WHEREAS, Access to the arts plays a central role in cognitive, motor, language, and social-emotional development<sup>4</sup>; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That Utah PTA and its constituent bodies support Fine Arts as an essential part of each child's educational experience; and be it further

Resolved, That Utah PTA and its constituent bodies support a quality arts program that is:

- structured
- offered as an integral part of the regularly scheduled instruction at each grade level
- taught by experienced individuals
- one of the requirements for elementary, middle/junior high school and senior high school graduation
- utilized as instructional integration tools and strategies in reading, writing, math, science, social studies, and other disciplines; and be it further

Resolved, That Utah PTA advocate for appropriate funding for education that includes the arts as part of a child's educational experience.

Documentation:

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<sup>2</sup> Catterall, James. "Doing Well and Doing Good by Doing Art." The AEP Wire. Arts Education Partnership, Mar. 2009. Web. 9 Sept. 2013. <<http://www.aep-arts.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/03/AEP-Wire-catterall.pdf>>.

<sup>3</sup> National Endowment For The Arts. "Potential Benefits of Arts Education for At-Risk Youth." Art Works. National Endowment For The Arts, 30 Mar. 2012. Web. 9 Sept. 2013. <<http://www.nea.gov/news/news12/Arts-At-Risk-Youth.html>>.

<sup>4</sup> "Benefits of Arts Education." Americansforthearts.org. Americans For The Arts, 2002. Web. 9 Sept. 2013. <[http://www.americansforthearts.org/get\\_involved/advocacy/funding\\_resources/default\\_005.asp](http://www.americansforthearts.org/get_involved/advocacy/funding_resources/default_005.asp)>.