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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 arts activities both in their school and the community.

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 funding arts education programs as part of the school’s budget. Check out our free tool kits at: www.AmericansForTheArts.org/ArtsEducation

5 Take the lead

Tell your child’s teacher or principal about how vital the arts are to quality education. Ask them what they need and how you can help!

6 Think local

Read your local newspaper or community website to find out about local cultural events for you and your child to enjoy.

7 Volunteer

Donate time, supplies, or other resources to your child’s school or a local arts organization’s education programs.

8 Join the cause

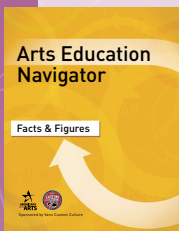
Join our online campaign on Causes.com: Keep the Arts in Public Schools. It’s free! www.causes.com/KeepTheArts

9 Be an advocate

Show your support for arts education by speaking with education leaders and decision-makers. For ways to take action, visit Americans for the Arts’ website: www.AmericansForTheArts.org/artseducation/advocacy

10 Stay informed

Keep up to date on the latest arts education topics by subscribing to the RSS Feed for ARTSblog: <http://blog.artsusa.org>



For more *Facts & Figures* about arts education, check out our e-book: <http://bit.ly/1mSrJhN>



Did You Know? Young people who participate in the arts are:

4 times more likely to participate in a **math and science fair**

3 times more likely to win an award for **school attendance**

4 times more likely to be recognized for **academic achievement**



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