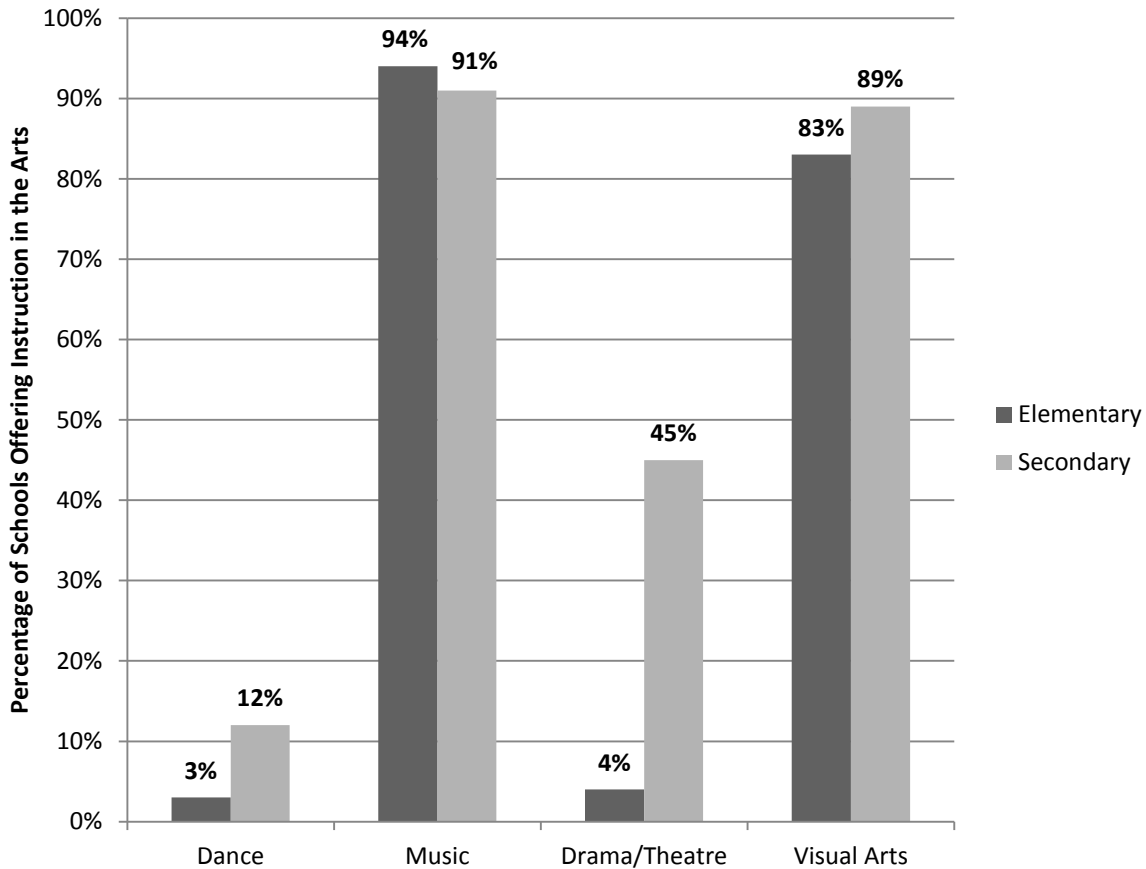




**Arts Facts...Only 3 percent of Elementary Schools Offer Dance**  
In spring 2012, the U.S. Department of Education released its decennial study on the status of arts education, and the results were bleak, with only 3 percent of elementary schools offering dance and only 4 percent offering theatre.

## Uneven Arts Education Opportunities Nationwide



- This report provides selected national data on the status of arts education in public elementary and secondary schools.
- This report represents virtually no change from results a decade ago, the last time the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) conducted a similar survey.
- Schools with a higher concentration of students in poverty were less likely to offer arts education. U.S. Education Secretary Arne Duncan has called this gap “an equity issue and a civil rights issue.”
- While the report shows that music and visual arts are widely available in schools, elementary school music instruction is not provided at all for roughly 1.3 million students (6 percent).

Source: Arts Education in Public Elementary and Secondary Schools: 1999-2000 and 2009-10 (NCES 2012-014). U.S. Department of Education.