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## Questions to Ask Your School Leaders about Arts Education

Determine where your school and district currently stand with arts education. **Use this list of questions to start a conversation with education leaders.**

- 1 Does your district implement either your state's instructional standards or the national standards for arts education?
- 2 Does your school or district have a designated minimum amount of time for instruction in the arts?
- 3 Is there a high school arts requirement for graduation?
- 4 Does your school district have an instructional leader in the arts, such as an arts coordinator?
- 5 Does your school district have a written arts education policy approved by the school board?
- 6 Does your school or district have a written plan for the arts program?
- 7 Does your district pay for arts teachers' salaries and instructional supplies, materials, and equipment?
- 8 Are school district administrators supportive of the arts program?
- 9 Does your school or district have a sufficient number of arts teachers?
- 10 Are certified arts teachers the ones delivering the arts instruction?
- 11 Are professional artists involved?
- 12 Does the arts instruction focus on more than just performing?
- 13 Are there separate arts facilities?
- 14 Does your school or district have the appropriate resources for arts education?
- 15 Is your community involved in arts education?

**If you find yourself answering **NO** to several of these questions, work with your principal, teachers, other parents, community members, and the school board to plan for improvement.**

For detailed indicators of success for each question, visit [www.AmericansForTheArts.org/Questions](http://www.AmericansForTheArts.org/Questions)



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