NATIONAL ART EDUCATION ASSOCIATION
SHAPING HUMAN POTENTIAL

Position Statement on Arts Integration
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NAEA recognizes the importance of arts integration as a philosophy, pedagogy, and methodology for teaching and learning in, through, and about the arts to achieve greater understanding across disciplines.

Arts integration increases knowledge and skills in multiple content areas elevating learning by linking disciplines while developing related skills and deeper understanding of the arts. Arts integration creates a level of personal connection and insight through a creative, inquiry-based process that would not be obtained using a single-discipline approach.

Collaboration among educators for the subjects involved with integration is an essential element in providing seamless, integrated experiences for students in the arts and other disciplines. NAEA recognizes that a team approach for planning, implementing, participating in, and assessing arts integration programs is a critical factor in ensuring success.

Arts integration supports authentic experiences which engage and motivate students. The arts component provides students with multiple modes of learning and understanding. Arts integration intensifies academic rigor as students engage problem-solving skills to draw connections across disciplines and demonstrate competency through creative endeavors.

Effective arts integration embraces the National Visual Arts Standards and standards from other content areas, advancing the 21st Century Skills of creativity, innovation, critical thinking, problem solving, collaboration, and communication.

Resource: Kennedy Center definition: Arts Integration is an approach to teaching in which students construct and demonstrate understanding through an art form. Students engage in a creative process which connects and art form and another subject area and meets evolving objectives in both.
http://artsedge.kennedy-center.org/educators/how-to/arts-integration-beta/what-is-arts-integration-beta.aspx#explore-the-definition

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