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Promoting School and Community Arts Education

The ArtFusion partnership at ESD 105 is designed to strengthen the core arts education and expertise of teachers to help students in their schools meet the state-mandated changes for education in music, dance, theatre, and visual arts that begin assessments in 2008-2009. Launched in the fall of 2005, ArtFusion provides teachers of visual arts, music, theatre, and dance as well as other interested classroom teachers with training in the arts Essential Academic Learning Requirements, Content Based Performance Assessments, integration of arts into classroom curriculum, and peer coaching. Opportunities are also provided for area arts agencies and artists to interact in area schools in this program, which is funded by a Professional Development for Arts Educators grant from the U.S. Department of Education.

ArtFusion's opportunities for teachers

Participating teachers and artists attend a three-day required training in the **EALRs and Content Based Performance Assessments for music, visual arts, theatre, and dance** provided by OSPI. Other opportunities include:

- **Art Integration training** – This two-day training provides art integration strategies for arts specialists and classroom teachers. Participants receive funding for visual arts materials for their buildings.

- **Artist in Residence Program** – ESD 105, in collaboration with Allied Arts and Gallery One, provides participating teachers the opportunity to have an artist in residence visit their classroom.

- **Yakima Symphony Orchestra school visits** – The ArtFusion program has expanded elementary school visits by Yakima Symphony Orchestra ensembles into Wapato (2006), Toppenish (2007), and Grandview (2008).

- **Marimba building:** Teachers from participating elementary schools in Grandview, Granger, Highland, Union Gap, Wapato, and Zillah get training in constructing marimbas, teaching marimba performance for students, and pursuing community support to develop eight-piece performance bands.

- **Sibelius music composition training** – Selected teachers are trained in creating sheet music through a computerized musical keyboard and software system.

- **Peer coaching/mentoring training** – Regional Arts Leadership Cadre members can enroll in training to work with building and district teachers in music and the visual arts.



ESD 105 student art experiences:

- **Regional High School Art Show** – Students get a chance to compete in our February-March juried exhibit, with award winners advancing to the statewide OSPI show in the spring.
- **Yakima Symphony Orchestra Concert for 4th and 5th graders** – Held each May at the Capitol Theatre.
- **Central Washington State Fair Art Exhibit** – This display during September and October showcases the works of hundreds of K-12 students in our area.



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ArtFusion Partners

- Allied Arts of Yakima
- Capitol Theatre
- Central Washington University
- Clymer Museum
- Gallery One
- Heritage University
- Larson Gallery
- Maryhill Museum of Art
- OSPI - The Arts
- Yakama Nation Cultural Center
- Yakima Symphony Orchestra
- Yakima Valley Museum

Did you know...?

- Arts help students learn the importance of developing their skills to create a greater impact.
- Arts can teach students the benefits of working collaboratively and in improving the efforts of others.
- Arts develop capacities for problem solving, critical thinking, and decision making.
- Because arts require exposing personal creations to the public, students learn to develop their self esteem and confidence.



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Why the Arts?

There is a wealth of research findings that support the academic and social benefits of integrating arts in all educational content areas! Research has shown that students involved in the arts score higher on verbal and math SAT scores. Additionally, students who spend at least three hours a day for three days a week in arts activities are:

- Three times more likely to be elected to class office.
- Four times more likely to participate in a math or science fair.
- Three times more likely to win an award for school attendance.



Goals of the ArtFusion Grant:

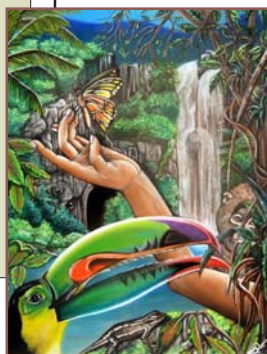
1. To develop a sustainable Regional Arts Leadership Cadre (RALC), now numbering more than 80 visual arts and music teachers.

- RALC members participate in the three-day arts EALR and CBPA training, administer pre- and post-testing assessments to students and yearly report scores to ESD 105 ArtFusion staff, actively pursue involvement in building school improvement committees, attend quarterly partnership meetings, mentor their school's teachers in art integration, and attend other training opportunities.



2. To integrate technology into the arts program via the ArtFusion Web site. This site provides lesson plans, tutorials, student art galleries, regional arts news, and a forum for arts teacher discussions. Visit [http://artfusion.us!](http://artfusion.us)

3. To expand community arts for children from low-income families by bringing the Yakima Symphony Orchestra's elementary school visits to additional districts and placing 15 artists in residence from Allied Arts into new classrooms.



Artworks on these pages are student creations that appeared in our annual ESD 105 High School Art Show.

"Arts education for many students will be experienced only through the public K-12 school system. The partnership between schools, community arts organizations, and ESD 105 allows us to help students succeed in the state's EALRs in arts by strengthening the core arts education knowledge and expertise of the teachers in our region."

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