

## The AIE Service

School districts in New York can subscribe to BOCES Arts-in-Education service to integrate the arts pre-K–12 including teacher professional development. Programs may include dance, drama, music, writing and the visual and media arts in order to complement, enhance, illustrate and/or explain aspects and concepts of the curriculum.

## The Network

The BOCES Arts-in-Education coordinators formed the NYS BOCES Arts-in-Education Network to coordinate AIE efforts and share best practices. The mission is to work with NYSED and local school districts across NYS to make Arts-in-Education integral to teaching and learning in schools by:

- raising student achievement through arts integration and sequential arts instruction
- creating and maintaining relationships with the NYS Education Department, school districts, professional arts associations and arts providers
- enhancing the professional growth and development of its members and the field
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## How can a school district be encouraged to participate in a BOCES Arts-in-Education service?

Contact the Superintendent of Schools, school principals or other appropriate district administrators to request Arts-in-Education programs in the district to benefit student achievement. Point out that by securing services through BOCES, the programs can generate NYS aid. Then contact the local BOCES Arts-in-Education representative to secure services.

## How can an artist get involved in providing Arts-in-Education programs?

- Contact your local BOCES AIE office



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# Frequently Asked Questions

## ***What is BOCES?***

BOCES, the Board of Cooperative Educational Services, is a public organization created by NYS legislature in 1948 to provide shared educational programs and services to NYS school districts. BOCES is not available to these large urban school districts: New York City, Buffalo, Rochester, Yonkers and Syracuse.

## ***BOCES Arts-in-Education***

The BOCES Arts-in-Education (AIE) programs provide arts and arts-integrated learning experiences for K-12 students and teachers in New York schools. The state's extensive arts and cultural resources (museums, libraries, historical sites, performing arts centers, arts organizations and teaching artists) partner with schools to provide performances, workshops, residencies and field trips.

Arts-in-education occurs when teachers use the arts as tools for addressing the arts learning standards and to create meaning in other academic subjects. They enable students, teachers, and the school community at large to participate in arts activities, integrate the arts into the curriculum, gain an understanding of the artistic process, and learn about the possibility of art as a career option.

Current research demonstrates that integrating the arts into general education throughout the learning process, in addition to sequential dance, music, theatre, media arts and visual instruction, significantly enhances students' cognitive, personal and social abilities.

<http://www.artsedsearch.org/>

## ***What is BOCES aid?***

BOCES aid is a form of NYS aid that is a reimbursement for a percentage of the costs of approved services provided by BOCES. Districts pay for those services in a given school year and are reimbursed in the next, based on the district's NYS aid ratio.

## ***Which expenditures are eligible for BOCES aid?***

Eligible expenditures include the cost of BOCES coordination, contracts with artists/ arts groups including admission tickets to arts activities, staff development for teachers, Arts-in-Education curriculum development as well as student and teacher materials associated with Arts-in-Education activities.

## ***How does Arts-in-Education contribute to the State Education Department's mission to raise standards for all students?***

The arts are valuable in and of themselves as a source for human insight and understanding about the world and oneself as well as supporting the Common Core standards. They connect us to the past and help imagine possibilities for the future.

The arts represent multiple forms of intelligence and multiple ways of knowing the world. For students, the arts invite both active learning and reflection, affirm diversity of learning and are intrinsically rewarding, resulting in motivation to learn. Art-in-Education infused into the curriculum Pre-k-12 can help students achieve at higher levels and enables them to become well-rounded citizens.

## ***What types of arts services are covered?***

- Dance • Music • Theatre • Visual & Media Arts
- Writing & Literary Arts

## ***If a BOCES service must be shared, how does this work in Arts-in-Education?***

While there must be at least two districts requesting BOCES services to meet sharing requirements, Arts-in-Education services are unique under State Law. Specific arts programs and residencies do not have to be shared, though each must have a clear connection to the NYS Learning Standards for the Arts.

***Art is as natural as sunshine  
and as vital as nourishment.***

***~ Maryann F. Kohl***

