

ES BOCES ARTS IN EDUCATION PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SERIES 2024-25



INCREASING STUDENT ENGAGEMENT IN LITERACY INSTRUCTION

JOIN US FOR NEW ARTS INTEGRATION LITERACY SESSIONS WITH FOCUS 5, INC.



Focus 5, Inc. team

Integrating the arts into various content areas enhances creativity, critical thinking, problem solving and overall student engagement, while also making learning more enjoyable and meaningful.

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** an art form and another subject area and meets **evolving objectives** in both.

~Kennedy Center

Where Teaching is An Art Form... and Learning is a Work of Art !

- Enhances Engagement and Motivation
- Supports Deeper Understanding of Content
- Promotes Critical Thinking and Problem-Solving
- Fosters Social and Emotional Learning (SEL)
- Improves Memory Retention
- Builds Cultural Awareness
- Promotes Interdisciplinary Connections

January 22, 2025
12:30- 2:30

For Teachers of Grades K-8

Thinking on Your Feet: Building a Creative Classroom Community Through Improv!

- Improv Games are a quick, engaging way to teach skills, boost learning, subject area transition, or change energy levels
- Session focuses on 5-15 minute ready-to-use game-like learning structures
- Highly adaptable and can be used to teach content, build classroom community, and develop cooperative learning skills

March 5, 2025
12:30- 2:30

For Teachers of Grades k-8

Creatively Moving Through Literacy

- Use Creative movement and step into the thoughts, feelings, and actions of characters Construct and demonstrate understanding in a kinesthetic way Learn a five-step process to facilitate creative movement as a form of communication
- and expression in the classroom!

April 8, 2025
12:30- 2:30

For Teachers of Grades k-8

I See a Feeling: Examining Characters Through Illustrations

- Children's literature is rich with characters who navigate various emotions while overcoming challenges
- Illustrations vividly depict complex thoughts, feelings, and actions, serving as catalysts for meaningful conversations and powerful lessons.
- Help students gain a deeper understanding of the characters, their own emotions, and the feelings of those around them.



Focus 5, Inc. – Arts Integration provides high-quality, professional learning opportunities nationwide focused on aligning arts integration, best instructional practices, and current thinking in arts and education. Collaboration with teachers, teaching artists, schools, school districts, arts organizations, and museums keeps their work refined, relevant, and effective in the ever-growing and evolving field of arts integration and the neuroscience of learning in education.

AUDIENCE: Teachers (grades k-8), Elementary and Secondary Administrators, Library Media Specialists

COST: \$100.00 per session

LOCATION: Suffolk Cooperative Library System, 627 North Sunrise Service Road, Bellport

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