

# ART <sup>is</sup> EDUCATION

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## Simple ways Parents can make the arts a way of life

1. Become a model for your child/children. Share your interests in the arts with your children. Take that art or music class you always wanted to take, or audition with your local theater group.
2. Enjoy art activities as a family. Find out about arts activities in your community either in the newspaper or online, many are free. Summer is an especially good time to find events.
3. Encourage your child/children to participate in the arts and celebrate their achievement. Many community organizations, churches and even libraries have arts activities for children that are free or require a small fee.
4. Encourage family members to give art or dance lessons as a birthday gift.
5. Support the arts at your child's/children's school. Volunteer for arts programs; ask how the arts are integrated into the curriculum and attend school art events. Go to the Ohio Department of Education website and find out more about the art standards.
6. Contact local arts organizations to find out about after school and summer programs.
7. Become an arts supporter. Let your school parent group, administrators and school board know your child/children deserve a well-rounded education that includes learning in and through the arts.
8. Become an arts advocate. Ask for more funding for the arts.
9. Invite local political, community and business leaders to school and community arts events.
10. Support local artists and arts organizations with your money.