



2017 Template Language for Back-to-School Publications

How to use this template language:

- Post it on the district's website.
- Use it in back-to-school publications such as newsletters and community magazines.
- You may use it as-is or make additions, deletions, or changes as needed.

We're excited to continue to support arts education in _____ School District during the 2017-2018 school year. We know that students who engage in learning in the arts are more likely to be gainfully employed, earn college degrees, and volunteer in their communitiesⁱ. As part of our commitment to our community, we're dedicated to helping these students become successful, civically engaged adults.

When engaging in the arts, students learn to better understand themselves and others, experiment and find solutions to problems that don't have one right answer, and persist when they don't succeed the first – or tenth – time.

Highlight district accomplishments in the arts here. Examples of recent accomplishments by local school districts include:

- *Art and music teachers from Keystone Oaks and Burrell Area school districts completed year-long assessment work where each teacher developed and piloted an assessment task with their students.*
- *The leadership team from Hampton Township traveled to the Children's Museum, Andy Warhol Museum, and LUMA Institute as part of AEC's City As Classroom program.*
- *Sto-Rox, South Allegheny, and Steel Valley school districts highlighted student work as part of their second year of participation in Remake Learning Days.*

ⁱ Catterall, James S. (2009). *Doing well and doing good by doing art: The effects of education in the visual and performing arts on the achievements and values of young adults.* Los Angeles/London: Imagination Group/I-Group Books.

More information and research can be found at www.artsedsearch.org.