ARTISTIC LITERACY

The ability to encode and decode ("read" and "write") aesthetic wisdom that is expressed and received in symbolic and metaphoric forms that are unique to the arts.

1. The arts are powerful and essential communication. Their unique symbols and metaphors convey the life experience.

2. Participation as creators, performers and audience members provides lifelong satisfaction.

3. Individuals and communities express ideas, experiences, feelings and beliefs. Understanding provides insights and meaning into cultures and societies.

4. Participation in the arts enhances mental, physical and emotional wellbeing.

5. The arts provide means for individuals to collaborate and bring communities together.