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What do you believe are, or should be, the big learning purposes of your arts education program or approach?

What are the main things you do, or would like to do, to achieve each purpose?

**Why teach the arts? Some common beliefs among arts educators**

Arts Education....

- Fosters broad dispositions and skills
- Teaches artistic skills and techniques
- Develops aesthetic awareness
- Provides ways of pursuing understanding in the world
- Helps students engage with community, civic, and social issues
  - Provides a venue for self-expression
  - Helps students develop as individuals
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