**Artistic Literacy**

**Foundations of Artistic Literacy**

* Artistic literacy is the knowledge and understanding required to participate authentically in the arts.
* Fluency in the language(s) of the arts is the ability to create, perform, respond, and connect through symbolic and metaphoric forms that are unique to the arts.
* It is embodied in specific philosophical foundations and lifelong goals that enable an artistically literate person to transfer arts knowledge, skills, and capacities to other subjects, settings, and contexts.

**Artistically Literate Students:**

* use a variety of artistic media, symbols, and metaphors to communicate their own ideas and to respond to the artistic communications of others
* develop creative personal realization in at least one art form in which they continue active involvement as an adult.
* cultivate culture, history, and other connections through diverse forms and genres of artwork.
* find joy, inspiration, intellectual stimulation, and meaning when they participate in the arts.
* seek artistic experiences and support the arts in their communities.

**Philosophical Foundations: Livelong Goals (Defining Artistic Literacy)**

* Communication: Artistically literate citizens use a variety of artistic media, symbols, and metaphors to independently create and perform work that communicates their own ideas, and are able to respond by analyzing and interpreting the artistic communications of others.
* Creative Personal Realization: Artistically literate citizens find at least one art form in which they develop sufficient competence to continue active involvement in that art form as an adult.
* Culture, History, and Other Connections: Artistically literate citizens know and understand artwork from varied historical periods and cultures, and actively seek and appreciate diverse forms and genres of artwork of enduring quality/significance. They also understand relationships among the arts, and cultivate habits of searching for and identifying patterns and relationships between the arts and other knowledge.
* Wellbeing: Artistically literate citizens find joy, inspiration, peace, intellectual stimulation, meaning, and other life-enhancing qualities through participation in all of the arts.
* Community Engagement: Artistically literate citizens seek artistic experience and support the arts in their local, state, national, and global communities.

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