

# ARTS ENHANCEMENT, INTEGRATION & STEAM CHART

## WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?

### LEARN THE TERMINOLOGY

#### ARTS ENHANCEMENT

Arts enhancement uses the arts in service of another content to increase student engagement.

#### ARTS INTEGRATION

Arts Integration is an approach to teaching and learning through which content is taught and assessed equitably in and through the arts.

#### STEAM

STEAM uses science, technology, engineering, the arts and math as access points for guiding student inquiry, dialogue and critical thinking.

### APPROACH COMPARISON



#### ARTS ENHANCEMENT



#### ARTS INTEGRATION



#### STEAM

#### USE OF STANDARDS AND ASSESSMENTS

**Non-standards based.**  
Arts are not assessed.

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#### PURPOSE FOR USING APPROACH

Arts are used as a way to **foster engagement** or to make learning "stick".

**Integrating the arts and any content area** through naturally-aligned standards.

**Integrates any STEAM area** with another content through naturally-aligned standards.

#### FOUNDATIONAL SUPPORT

Grounded in using the **arts in service** of another content area.

Grounded in **aligned standards and assessment** with a central topic.

Grounded in **inquiry, problem-solving and process-based** learning.

#### INTENTION AND FOCUS

**Broad focus.**

Meant to **engage** students in learning.

**Connective focus.**

**Deepens** learning, application & creativity.

**Discovery focus.**

**Process-driven** through inquiry, design & creativity.

#### HOW IT ADDRESSES VARIOUS CONTENT AREAS

Can include **any** arts and content area.

Direct inclusion of **all content areas**, including E/LA and Social Studies.

**Addresses STEAM areas explicitly.** Can utilize the literacy process & address social sciences.



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