
FOLK ARTS EDUCATION AT FACTS

What are folk arts? Great question!

Folk arts are not a thing of the past, but rather are very much alive today.

Folk arts include traditional stories, music, crafts, and customs that are shared from one generation to the next. At FACTS, Folk Arts Education (FAE) helps students learn by connecting school subjects to their own cultures and community traditions.

FAE helps students feel proud of who they are, learn about other cultures, and hear directly from people who keep these traditions alive. Students take part in special projects, meet local artists, and learn through hands-on activities.

This program is used in many subjects and helps students build important skills like observing, asking questions, thinking deeply, understanding others, and studying cultures. By learning about their own traditions and those of others, students become more curious, thoughtful, and ready to make a difference in their communities.

FAE PURPOSE AND GOALS

- Teach students to understand and value their own and others' cultures
- Build curiosity, empathy, and perspective-shifting
- Promote intergenerational and intercultural learning
- Connect school, families, and community
- Develop students into critical thinkers and engaged citizens

KEY COMPONENTS

- Tradition & Innovation: Understanding how culture evolves
- Community Connection: Learning from tradition bearers (local experts)
- Cross-Curricular Integration: Embedded in all subjects
- Cultural Inquiry: Observing, interviewing, analyzing, and sharing
- Student Voice: Students investigate and represent untold or underrepresented stories, including their own



Foodways



Material Culture



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