

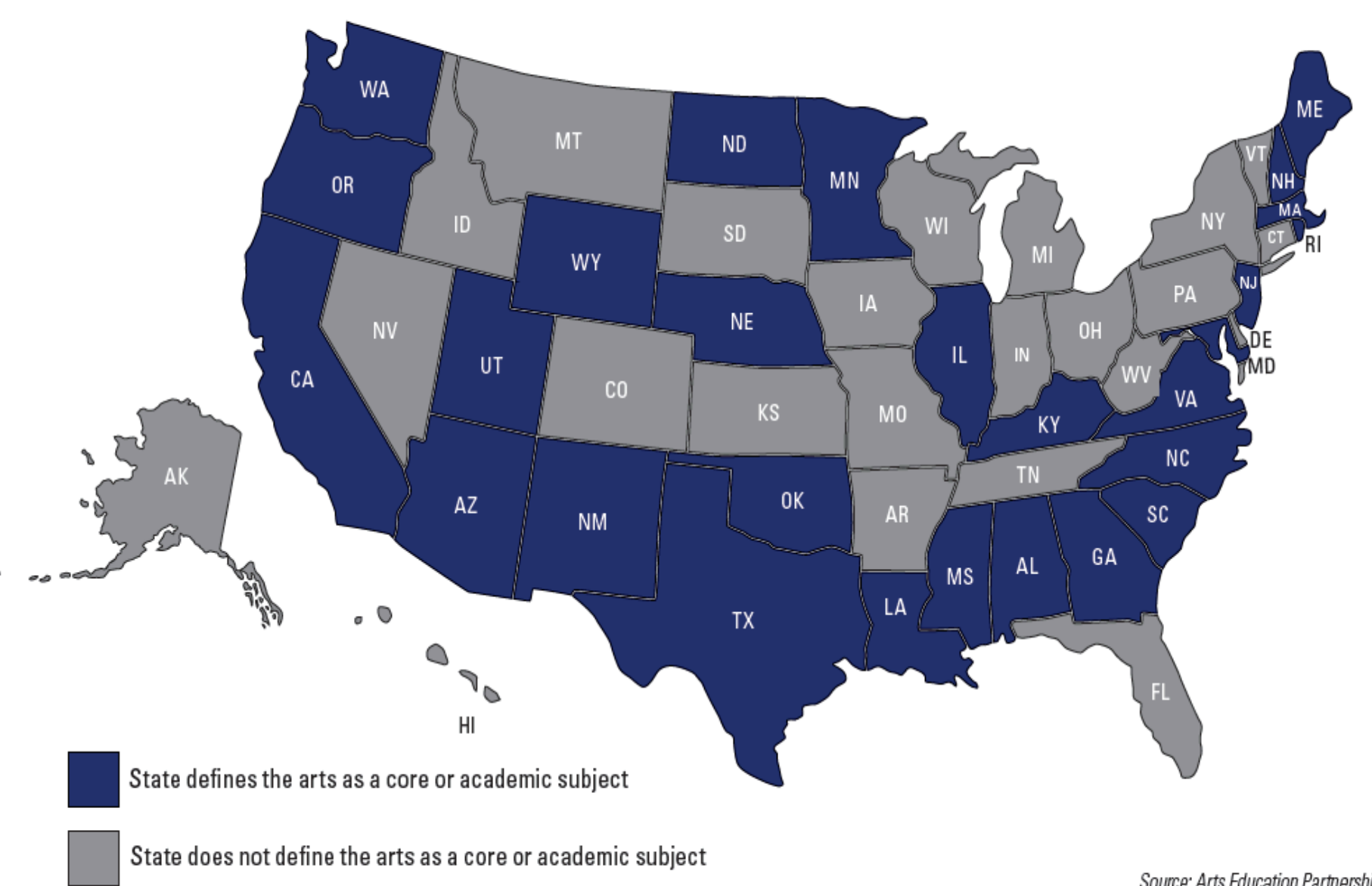


Why am I passionate about Arts in Education?

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I chose my topic to be arts in education because as a student who has grown up around music arts and creative writing specifically, I have seen the benefits of it. It became a healthy outlet for me. When I was stressed, I sang or journaled. Now, I still sing and journal, but I also color. I believe that being exposed to these arts at a young age, equipped me in ways I didn't expect as an adult.

Arts as core academic subject



Arts education as core consideration by state participation of 2016

Why are creative arts being cut?

The biggest reason why arts are being cut is because of budget deficits. There also aren't many staff specialized in a specific arts area, so it adds extra work to teachers. Many feel that because arts education is not a tested subject area, it is not important.

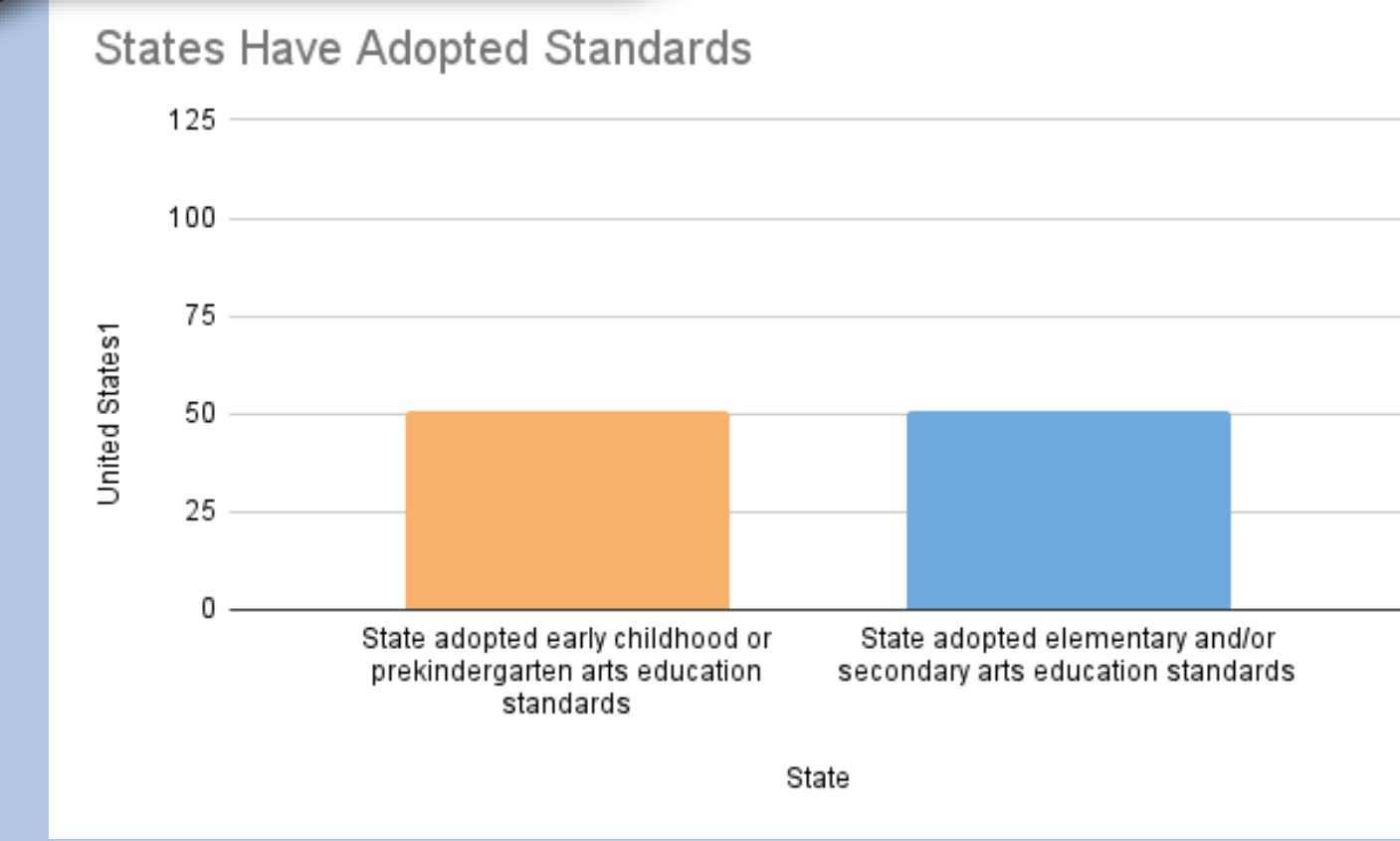
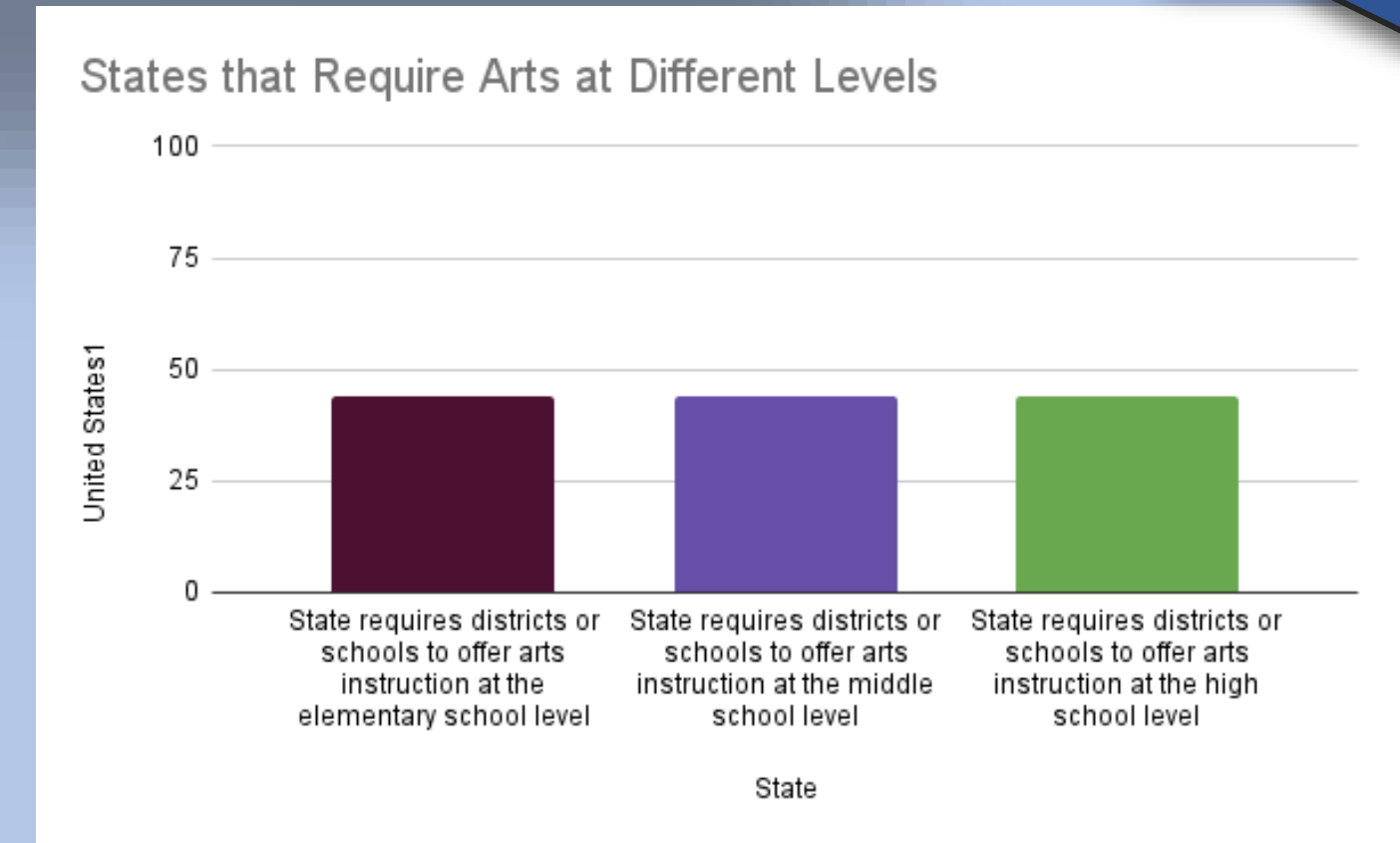
Arts education programs are mainly being cut in rural districts due to lack of funding. As explained in the cons section, art programs don't generate as much revenue as sporting events.

The Value of Arts in Education

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Only 6.5% of states provide funding for arts education!



What is Arts Education?

According to Punjab College, "Art education is defined as the involvement in artistic and creative activities, such as dance, theater, music, painting, or sculpture. It can be part of both the curriculum and extra-curricular activity." Participation in these activities can be anywhere from daily to monthly, to even summer intensive programs.



Pros of Arts in Education

- The Arts develop motor skills
- Music, in specific, can accelerate brain development
- Reduces stress
- Builds self-esteem
- Develops the creative side of the brain
- Creates community
- Provides challenges for learners at all levels
- Creates well-rounded students

Cons of Arts in Education

- Increases staffing needs
- Creates budget deficits
- Exposes disadvantages between more advanced schools and less privileged schools
- Arts-related programs don't generate as much revenue as sports events.
- Not considered important because they aren't a required class
- Makes schools choose between STEM or arts

Conclusion

In conclusion, arts education's pros outweigh the cons. Students benefit from arts education, and it doesn't have to be a separate program always. Arts integration can be just as effective if done correctly. Many students carry the skills learning from arts education such as problem-solving and higher order thinking into their adulthood. Ultimately, arts education teaches the whole child and shapes them in ways regular academics can't.