



ACTIVATING ARTS LEARNING REFERENCES

Introduction

In addition to staff and stakeholder input (you can read more about this process in our [How We Created Our Theory of Change](#) summary), our Activating Arts Learning work is steeped in arts education research and frameworks. We did our homework for this effort in a big way and want to share it all with you.

The references below are divided into the following sections of our theory of change:

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Most of the references we cite can be found on Arts Education Partnership's [Arts Ed Search](#). Arts Ed Search is a searchable database full of vetted arts education research and evaluation reports with handy summaries of key findings and implications for the field. Our hope is that the resources below help advance your thinking, influence your work, and help you secure more funding.

We'd love to hear from you! Please send feedback, questions, or additional references our way. Want even more detail? Email us to request a spreadsheet with citations, key ideas, and page number references: info@artsedcollab.org.



Sense of Self

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Understanding of culture and heritage

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