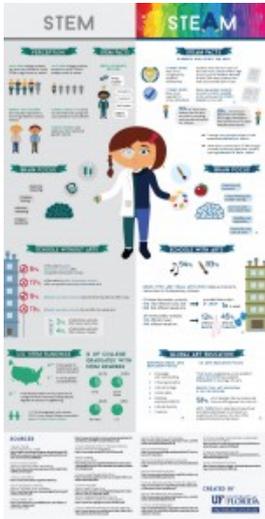


# The Importance of Art Education



<http://www.upworthy.com/kids-who-love-art-are-better-at-everything?c=tpstream>

Although there have been several studies that explain the importance of art in our school system, they are almost always the first classes to be cut out of the budget. This needs to stop. Art is not an activity that wastes time, it allows for children to think more creatively, become better problem solvers, and be more successful later on in life. I am not arguing that we should cut other core curriculum such as science, I am suggesting that we utilize both of them to our advantage. This infographic describes STEM (Science Technology Engineering Math) learning and uses it to show what happens when there is an art class added to the curriculum. With the addition of an art class, there is a balance between these modes of thinking and it allows the student to think with

their whole brain rather than sections of it. They would not only be able to use deductive and inductive reasoning but they would also be able to use creative and critical thinking when it comes to problem solving. If art classes are cut from schools then students will lose the other half of their thinking and will cause them to be less advanced than their peers. Not only that, but the video at the bottom explains how art is creativity, problem solving, history, and culture. By taking away art classes, students lose this unique way of thinking about the world around them. Art helps us understand different cultures and teaches us how to adapt to unknown circumstances. These classes are necessary for the development of the human mind and should not be the first classes cut when the budget gets tight. Instead we should focus on a well rounded education and limit the spending of all classes, rather than giving too much money to one specific genre. Even if we don't have all the materials needed for the class, at least we offer the class. We need well rounded young minds and the only way to accomplish this is by keeping all the classes including science, math, language arts, history, music, gym, and art.