

# MEASURING THE ARTS

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# We need arts education data!

- We have **scant information** on the condition of arts education in states.
- If states don't measure it, it's **easier to ignore**.
- Most states have data on **state-, district-, and school-level needs**
- Those data **mostly stay hidden**.

# The State Data Infrastructure Project for Arts Education

- help states **use existing state data** to report actionable information on arts education
- Give states **tools and technical assistance** for this work
- Help **make the case** for arts education information

# What data could most states collect?

- Who **has access** to arts education in school?
- Who **participates** arts education in school?
- How many **qualified teachers** are there, and who has access to them?

# Do states collect the data?

- **Almost all states** collect the data to report on at least two of these metrics
- **All states** can report information by race, gender, and free/reduced lunch
- **Yet fewer than half** actually publish this information

# What's next?

- Make the case to **state leadership**
- **Support states** that can take the next step

# Thank you!

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