

Keynote Topics by Karen L. Erickson

Making the Connection: Arts and the Other Academics

This presentation explores how and why integrating the arts with other academic areas is important to increase student engagement and improve learning. Examples in social studies, science, or language arts are used to illustrate integration of the arts with other subjects.

Making the Invisible Visible

How do the arts make the invisible visible for students? This presentation addresses how the arts help students to create meaning, build imagination, make personal connections with academics, as well as improve test scores. In addition, participants explore why the arts have grown invisible in schools and communities and how to bring them back into focus.

Transforming Schools with the Arts

Explore the process of creatively transforming school communities through the arts. Discuss the obstacles and challenges involved with initiating change and strategies for encouraging staff, parents, and students to overcome those obstacles.

Partnering with the Arts

Learn how schools, artists, and arts organizations can partner to create professional development and staff mentoring programs, plan arts field trips linked to classroom content, expand funding opportunities, and share resources to strengthen the arts in the classroom and community.