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Advocating Global Arts Education in Early Childhood and Elementary Education

Teachers need to be advocates for global arts education in the schools. Since standardized testing has taken center stage in elementary schools today, and because budget constraints play a major factor, all too often the arts have been deemphasized in schools nationwide. As the world continues to grow smaller, and technology allows us to access information and communicate instantly, we are now endowed with a wealth of resources and information to expand our children's learning through the visual and performing arts. This session presents insights and innovative strategies for effective teaching of the arts in early childhood and elementary education.

Teachers can design experiences to facilitate students' global exploration of other cultures through the visual and performing arts. Wilkes University teacher education candidates will present ideas from their unique philosophies of teaching the arts in addition to sharing hands-on applications for classroom instruction. Learning Activity Packets will be provided for session participants.