

15. Some people believe that students should be required to take a music, a drama, or an art class. Should students be required to take a class in the arts, or should such classes be electives? Take a position on this issue. Use reasons and specific examples to support your position.

Restate Prompt

should art, music, and drama be required classes or electives?

Thesis Statement:

Required - Music, Drama, Art

- many wouldn't discover how great these classes are until they take them
- forced time from academic subjects - need stress relief - alternative/break
- use creative side which is squelched in HS classrooms
- school affords opportunity many families cannot afford
- required FUN! natural human expression
- not standardized

Elective - Music, Drama, Art

- should be choice so classes are not crowded with people who have no interest
- choice allows freedom
- some students need ^{time to focus} to take core subjects
- or practical arts equally as important: shop, teen living, economics, financial mgmt.
- if required, may dislike/hate subject ^{run it for others}
- no fun to take class with people who don't want to be there
- teachers can personalize instruction to individual talents