

An Overview of Arts Education and Reflections on Special Education

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ABSTRACT Importance and necessity of arts education is commonly emphasized and its positive outcomes on students are revealed. Teachers are expected to have necessary knowledge and skills in planning and implementing art activities effectively. In addition to the crucial role of arts education in general education settings, it has various implications and benefits in special education as well. It is commonly believed that arts education improves many skills of individuals with special needs and it has both complementary and therapeutic roles in special education settings. The present study aims to provide a comprehensive overview on arts education and its reflections in special education. In order to achieve this aim, document analysis was used in the study. Findings are discussed with relevant literature and recommendations for further research and practices are presented.