

ArtSmart

Advancing the Arts in Education



- ArtSmart is a standards-based Professional Development Program created by the Fresno Art Museum with the unique needs of Central Valley Educators' in mind. This program will enrich both the students and teachers understanding and appreciation of the Visual Arts while supporting core curriculum standards by utilizing Visual Thinking Strategies (VTS) - for more information about VTS visit the VTS website at <http://www.vue.org/>
- The ArtSmart Professional Development Program teaches practical, innovative and fun ways for educators to utilize the arts in their classroom through art-based lesson plans that link all the core subjects to one comprehensive theme. ArtSmart is for all Educators i.e., Classroom Teachers, After School Coordinators, School Administrators, Home Schoolers and Parent Volunteers. The cost is \$125 (price includes supplies). Participants can enroll directly at the Fresno Art Museum (FAM), or enroll through Fresno Pacific University and receive one college credit. An additional credit can be earned through an Independent Studies companion course for \$95.
- The positive affects of using ArtSmart and VTS in the classroom:
 - VTS is as easy to learn as 1,2,3. *What is going on in this picture?, What makes you say that? and what more can you see?*
 - Meets state standards in art, language arts and social studies; improves test scores in math, reading and writing
 - Builds thinking, communication skills and visual literacy and greatly enhances verbal and thinking skills, in all students, from challenged and non-English language learners to high achievers

Be ArtSmart at the Fresno Art Museum

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