

# Musical Briefings

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## Frameworks for Art Curriculum Strategies (FACS project)

The Minnesota FACS project is nearing its' completion date and should be available for purchase by the February 1, 1997 from the Minnesota Center for Arts Education. Included in the materials will be a wall chart which gives a general overview of standards in all six disciplines (dance, literary arts, media arts, music, theater, and visual arts), a three ring binder which will give detailed descriptions of the standards in each discipline as well as examples of work that has been done in the pilot sites. The examples will be presented both in a written form as well as a video tape of actual work being done at the various pilot sites. The FACS standards should be a very helpful set of documents for music educators to adapt their curriculum to comply with the new Minnesota Graduation Standards. They focus on specific outcomes that every student should know and be able to do in the arts.

The Center is now beginning to schedule workshops on the FACS project at schools throughout the state beginning early this spring. These workshops will give arts educators an overview of the Frameworks, their relationship to both the National Standards for Arts Education and the Minnesota Graduation Standards, and provide educators with practical hands-on material that will assist them in bringing these standards into their own classroom curriculum. If your school district is interested in hosting a workshop on the FACS Standards please contact Pam Paulson, Director of Resource Programs at the MN Center for Arts Education by calling (612) 591-4708. Michael Hiatt, Music Resource Coordinator will be doing a presentation on the FACS materials at MMEA Mid-Winter Clinic on Friday morning, February 14th at 9:05 am.

One set of the FACS materials will be sent free of charge to every school district in the state. Additional materials will be available for purchase from the Minnesota Center for Arts Education either by mail or at one of the upcoming FACS workshops. For more information on purchasing these materials contact Marla Reimer at the Center (612-591-4744 or 1-800-657-3515)



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**Interdisciplinary Materials Available**  
The Minnesota Center for Arts Education has just released a new revised edition of, *Interdisciplinary Learning and the Arts: An Annotated Bibliography*. This is an excellent text and source material for teachers who are attempting to integrate interdisciplinary concepts into their curriculum. While using curriculum integration in the classroom in not a new concept - educational planners have explored interdisciplinary approaches and concepts at various times throughout the history of American education - the revival of interest on this topic can have a profound impact on education today. Indeed, this resurgence of interest is not surprising given the present climate of educational reform, and burgeoning local, and national efforts to restructure schools and more effectively address diverse students needs.

The book covers a wide range of topics including general curriculum concepts, implementation technics, specific units and lesson plans, and methods of assessment. For more information on obtaining this resource contact Marla Reimer at the Center (612-591-4744 or 1-800-657-3515)

## Learning Resource Center

Learning Resource Center (LRC) free membership is available to all Minnesota residents. The 10,000 piece collection consists of books, audio CD's, audio tapes, video tapes, laser discs, and computer software. Because of the Center's arts-focus, approximately 20% of the LRC collection is considered unique. The music portion of the educators' professional collection contains many of the latest materials that support the National Standards for Arts Education including, *Performance Standards for Music*, *Handbook of Research on Music Teaching and Learning*. To browse the collection use PALS or the Internet Center's homepage (<http://www.mcae.k12.mn.us/>).

Materials are loaned for 10-21 days and can be checked out in person or by mail. LRC opens Monday-Friday at 7:30 AM and closes 8 PM Monday, 5 PM Tuesday, 6:30 PM Wednesday and Thursday and 4 PM Friday. For more information about free membership and checking out materials contact Jeanne Iverson, 1-612-591-4741, 1-800-657-3515, TDD 612-591-4770 or Email [jeanne.iverson@mcae.k-12.mnm.us](mailto:jeanne.iverson@mcae.k-12.mnm.us)

## Interesting WEB sites for Music Educators

The following are excellent resources for music educators to beware of on the Internet: **Internet Resources for Music Educators:**

(<http://www.isd77.k12.mn.us/resources/staffpages/shirk/music.html>)

This is an excellent source for many helpful connecting links to music education resources on the net. It was constructed and is maintained by Cynthia Shirk, a music educator in the Mankato Public Schools.

**Welcome to the American Music Conference:**  
(<http://www.amc-music.com/>)

The American Music Conference is a national non-profit educational association founded in 1947 an exists as the only organization dedicated to promoting the importance of music, music-making and music education to the general public. This site is an excellent resource on music advocacy and the latest information on the National Standards for Arts Education.