



## What is Professional Development?

Professional development experiences consist of specialized training intended to help classroom teachers and other educators -of all skill levels improve and extend their knowledge of, competence in, and skill and effectiveness with engaging and educating students. Quality PD experiences contribute to building teachers' confidence, enthusiasm and technical know-how. Classroom teachers are engaged at their level as learners to appreciate the purpose of arts integrated learning experiences. In an effective PD experience, a teaching artist not only presents what defines quality arts integrated learning, but also models how to do it for classroom teachers.