BTS ARTS

Did you know Mrs. Montano is a BTS Arts Educator?

Learn how arts education benefits your child and Bountiful Elementary.

The Beverley Taylor Sorenson Arts Learning Program (BTS Arts) **integrates arts into your student's every day curriculum,** connecting what students learn in science, math, reading, and history to what they create, perform, and make together.

BTS by the Numbers

91%
of principals say the BTS Program **improves student learning** and has a positive impact on their school's culture.

Every year counts.
Average scores in math, reading, and science **rise each year** a school participates in the BTS Program.[1]

90%+
of parents who are familiar with BTS support the program.

6% higher
math proficiency scores in standardized testing for BTS schools versus non-BTS schools.[2]

STEM → STEAM

STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) is a critical focus for students, but STEM alone leaves something out. BTS Arts puts the A (Arts) back where it's needed most, turning STEM into STEAM.

And as artificial intelligence changes what learning looks like in our schools, **the human interaction at the heart of arts-integrated STEAM education matters more, not less.**

- **DISCOVER** how and why the BTS Program works: **www.btsarts.org**
- **SUBSCRIBE** to the BTS Program newsletter by **scanning the QR code.**
- **ADVOCATE** by contacting your legislators to keep the BTS Program funded and growing in Utah schools: **www.friends.btsarts.org**

The BTS Program:
a Public-Private Partnership Unlike any Other

Endowed chairs at the majority of Utah colleges and universities, paid for by a private foundation.

State funding **supports educator placement** in Utah schools.

The BTS Program at a Glance

WHO

The BTS Program brings **highly qualified arts educators** in visual art, music, drama, and dance to elementary school students across Utah.

WHAT

BTS educators **integrate their art form into core curriculum** like reading, math, science, and history.

WHERE

The BTS Program is in **over 460 elementary schools** across Utah, encompassing nearly every school district in the state.

WHEN

The BTS Program was **founded in 1995 and adopted by the Utah Legislature in 2008.** It is currently funded at **$19.4 million** annually in ongoing state appropriations.

WHY

Schools with BTS educators consistently see **higher test scores, improved attendance, and greater student engagement.**

[1]Source: Utah Education Policy Center evaluation, 2024, University of Utah.
[2]Source: Y2 Analytics Statistical Program Analysis, 2023–2024 RISE testing data.

Don't Take Our Word For It

"The sky is the limit. They can do anything in this world **when they love education.**"

- Megan Olsen
Parent of child at Magna Steam Academy

"What students are learning in math, science, reading, and history can come to life through theater, art, music, and dance. It's extremely impressive to see how much **the art really supports student learning.**"

- Kelby McIntyre-Martinez
Associate Dean for Arts Education, University of Utah

"We're here to make opportunities and life better for our kids through focusing on STEAM. At our STEAM Night activities each quarter I see students talking to their families about the work they're doing, and **you see that spark with kids, and you see it in their families** — and it's magical.

- Ben Peters
Principal, Magna STEAM Academy