

Participant Testimonials for the SFAC Summer Teacher Arts Institute

“My participation in the SFAC Institute will influence my teaching practices in ways I cannot express in words. It has reconnected me to the excitement of learning.”

“Thank you so much for this amazing opportunity to grow as a person and a teacher. I am astounded by the amount of creativity here, both from the faculty and the students. I feel it was a life changing experience.”

“I loved the experience. I felt honored to work alongside and learn from this rockstar faculty. I feel refreshed and excited to return to my classroom.”

“I am extremely appreciative of the opportunity to be in this artistic learning community for two weeks. It has definitely shaped my thinking and has inspired me to shift my approach to teaching.”

“I saw so many amazing teaching approaches that I can’t wait to bring to my classroom.”

“I was in dire need of a blast of inspiration. The notion of being your authentic self, in and out of the classroom was reinforced throughout the SFAC Institute. It was inspiring to see the faculty teaching, working and living in their art.”

“It was absolutely delightful to be able to observe so many different arts classes and modes of instruction. It is almost impossible to do this during the school year.”

“I learned so much more than I expected. I am very grateful and humbled to have been a participant. I now have so many more ways to help my students learn and preserve our traditional culture.”

“I absolutely loved connecting with other teachers, especially in my subject area. I already feel less isolated and more inspired.”

"I'm trying so very hard to develop into a teacher who habitually models artful teaching practice. The SFAC Institute was instrumental in helping me."

"It was amazing to see the level of expertise on the faculty. I really enjoyed learning about so many new art forms and how I can incorporate them into my curricula. I know I will be more intentional in teaching the arts in my classroom now."

"The SFAC Institute did an amazing job placing me back in learner mode."

"I saw great ideas and wonderful teaching methods, but was most awed by the passion, goodness, kindness and acceptance I witnessed."

"I hadn't really considered my core values in teaching for a very long time. It was so important to get back to what drives me professionally."

"I definitely feel more motivated and better prepared to teach the arts in my classroom."

"I felt the SFAC Institute experience was very personal for a lot of us. We created a learning community where we could honestly share."

"Now I really want to incorporate more art into my daily teaching practices for my students. I also want to be a stronger advocate for the arts."

"A HUGE THANK YOU! I'm ready and inspired to teach for another 22 years!"

"I definitely feel like I have more artistic skills in my toolbox to utilize in my classroom."

"The SFAC Institute has made me a better human being. It has helped me enormously to be the teacher I ought to be."

"Thank you! I leave joyful."