Younger school children (age 5 to 10) should be required to study art and music in addition to math, science, history and language.

In the modern era, basic education is one of the most controversial topics all over the world. Not only parents are concerned about the future of their kids, but also many scholars believe that children’s education is what the future of the world depends on. While some people think that the subjects that kids between five to ten years old should be taught are mostly mathematics, history and science, others find arts as crucial as the other subjects. I personally agree with the latter group and in the following paragraphs, I will elaborate on my opinion.

First, considering the various and numerous types of intelligence among people, it’s fundamental to recognize each individual child’s specific intelligence in order to help him or her to master. There are a lot of kids who are not interested in mathematics or history, so if the education system compels them to learn these subjects, they will lose their interest in schools and they will never find their real talent. But if the school provides a variety of topics including arts and music in addition to the ordinary topics, this group of kids that did not show any interest in math or science, may show enthusiasm in arts, therefore, here is where schools can help students know their intelligence and talents. Last year, a TV documentary compared education systems in five different countries, in two of which, art and music were mandatory beside other subjects. The statistics revealed that in these two countries children are more eager to go to school and also more successful in their studies.

Second, psychology today has proved that the best age to start learning anything is between three to twelve and where is a better place than the schools to teach kids? There is no doubt that each society needs artists beside its engineers, doctors and socialist to be a normal and healthy society. Coupling these two factors, makes it obvious that the schools must make the student at least familiar with art and music in their low ages. If a society wants to have a great number of inspiring artists who have an undeniable influence on each single part of the society, it should start educating its kids from elementary schools. The documentary I mentioned in paragraph one also showed that in those two countries that taught art at schools, there are two times more artists than the other three countries with no art in their elementary schools’ curriculum. Furthermore, the quality of produced art and music in those two countries are much better that the other three ones.

To conclude, existence of different types of intelligence and accepting that kids are not same, alongside with the best age of learning which is between three to twelve, make it convenient that more topics, such as art and music, should be taught at elementary schools than just math and science.