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Proposal Title:

Is Dance an art form or an athletic activity? Curriculum Treatment of Dance Across Canada

Description:

Dance education is unpredictable in Canadian schools - and sometimes it isn't even called dance. The provinces do not agree on its placement in the universal curriculum. Seven provinces and territories see dance as an art form; but five provinces and territories see it as a physical activity.ⁱ Can these two interpretations of dance education coexist? Or must one pedagogical point of view triumph over the other? This schism is indicative of the larger question, who should teach dance education and how? This presentation is a preliminary examination of the provincial curriculums and their broad and varying interpretation of dance education.