

PURPOSE STATEMENT

TAT Lab is a professional learning community of Washington state artists and educators* committed to refining the craft of teaching in and through the arts. Together, we engage in shared inquiry to explore connections between instructional design, student-centered teaching and social justice in arts education.

*teaching artists, youth arts providers, certified classroom educators, and arts education leadership

TAT Lab commits to thoughtful planning and reflective practice using the following themes and guiding questions:

Instructional Design	Social Justice	Connection & Community
What? What are the elements of instructional design? So What? How do instructional design practices matter to students and families? Now What?	What? What does social justice mean in arts education? So What? Why do social justice practices matter to our work, and to students and families? Now What? How might we recognize and interrupt	What? What are the various roles that artists and educators play in the arts education field? So What? How might collaboration and peer feedback inform our planning, teaching, and reflective practices in service of young people?
How might we continue to reflect upon and refine instructional design practices in service of all students?	inequitable practices in our daily work?	Now What? How might we continue to cultivate courageous and resilient communities of practice?

The What? So what? Now what? framework is adapted from work developed by Gene Thompson-Grove, 2004; revised 2012. School Reform Initiative: A Community of Learners.