

Ensuring the Arts for
ANY GIVEN CHILD
 The Kennedy Center

FRESNO, CA

CITY
Total Population—494,665
Industries—Agriculture
Median Income—\$40,617
Demographics
 White - 245,306
 African American - 40,960
 Asian - 62,528
 American Indian/Alaska Native - 8,525
 Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander - 849
 Other - 111,984
 Identified by two or more - 24,513

FRESNO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
 Number of K-8 Students—52,907
 Number of K-8 Teachers—4,653
 Number of K-8 Schools—79
 Total School District Budget—\$959,643,875

VISION

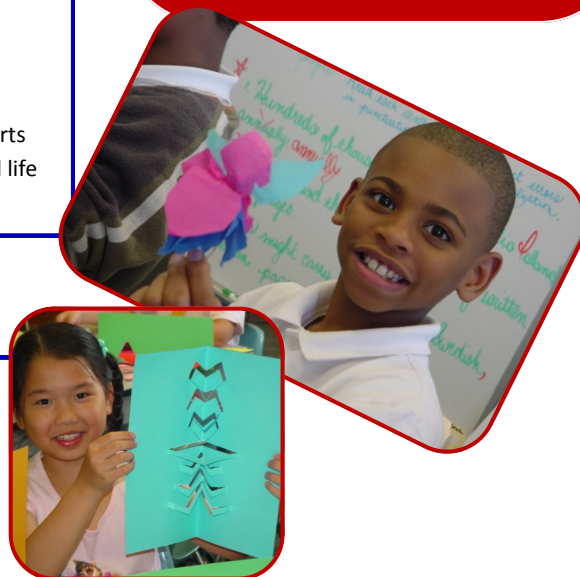
The vision of the Fresno Community Arts Team is to provide meaningful and diverse arts experiences for every K-8 child in Fresno. We believe the arts allow children to fully engage in discovering multi-disciplinary connections to real life.

Our vision includes sequential, systematic, and consistent arts experiences that are broad in definition, informed by arts standards, and delivered by high quality professionals using authentic assessments. It is our intent for every K-8 child to experience a diverse, creative arts journey, which celebrates cultural relevance, equity, and value to build strong character and life-long lessons.

GOALS FOR ARTS EDUCATION

The Community Arts Team set the following long-term goals for arts education in Fresno:

- Increase professional learning opportunities in the arts for all stakeholders, focusing on integrating the arts with Common Core State Standards.
- Create a systematic process to provide access to professional arts experiences for all students.
- Address the identified district-wide gaps to provide equity and access for ALL pre-K through 8 students to receive a high quality arts education in ALL disciplines.



MILESTONES

- April 2013 — The Community Arts Team sets long-term goals for arts education in Fresno based on the results of the surveys.
- January/February 2013 — The Community Arts Team collects data from surveys distributed to schools, arts organizations, and community members in Fresno.
- October 2012 — The Community Arts Team convenes for the first time.
- September 2012 — The Kennedy Center selects Fresno, CA as the tenth *Any Given Child* site.

CONTACTS

- Mayor** — Ashley Swearengin
- School District** — Fresno Unified School District (Superintendent Michael Hanson)
- Community Arts Team Organizations** — Alliance for California Traditional Arts, Bonner Family Foundation, California Endowment, Children’s Musical TheatreWorks, Convention/Visitors Bureau, First Five, Fresno Arts Council, Fresno Art Museum, Fresno Business Council, Fresno Chamber of Commerce, Fresno County Office of Education, Fresno Philharmonic, Fresno State University, Fresno Unified School District, Good Company Players, Housing Authorities, Mayor’s Community Advisory Panel, Reading and Beyond, Valley Cultural Coalition, and Young Orchestras of Fresno
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