

Ensuring the Arts for
ANY GIVEN CHILD[®]
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AUSTIN, TX

**AUSTIN INDEPENDENT
 SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Students K-8—62,279

Teachers serving K-8—3,866

Schools serving K-8—111

District Budget—\$1,300,445,162

VISION

It is the vision of the Austin Community Arts Team that Austin Independent School District Students (K-8) attend arts-rich schools that sustain broad and in-depth creative learning experiences accessible for all students. Cross-sector partnerships and district commitment actively ensure sustainable, diverse, multicultural arts experiences are embedded in teaching and learning, both in and out of the classroom. Arts-rich schools achieve multiple student outcomes including increased academic achievement, improved student engagement, college and career readiness, and meet the needs of the whole student. In our vision, all children are free to express themselves and their thinking in an environment that fosters disciplined critical and creative thinking, explores heritage through multicultural experiences, stimulates innovation and imagination, and honors and engages the whole child in a lifelong love of learning.



GOALS FOR ARTS EDUCATION

The Community Arts Team set the following long-term goals for arts education in Austin.

- Create arts-rich schools for all students
- Create a community network that supports and sustains the arts-rich life of a child
- Develop leaders that support and sustain quality creative learning for the whole child
- Develop systems that support and sustain quality creative learning for the whole child
- Demonstrate measurable impact on students, families, schools, and our community



OUTCOMES

- During the 2014-2015 school year, this site provided creative learning opportunities for 22,500 students at 36 school campuses, professional development for 2,000 educators, and additional coaching for 600 teachers.
- With the help of grants from the U.S. Department of Education and the National Endowment Collective Impact grants, the Austin Independent School District was able to increase the creative learning staff by four and partner organization MINDPOP was able to increase its staff by one.
- In May 2012, an anonymous donor committed \$1,000,000 to promote equity in the arts for high poverty schools.

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