

Ensuring the Arts for  
**ANY GIVEN CHILD**  
 The Kennedy Center

**BALTIMORE CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
 Pre-K-8 Students—61,920  
 Teachers serving Pre-K-12—5,229  
 Schools serving Pre-K-8—149

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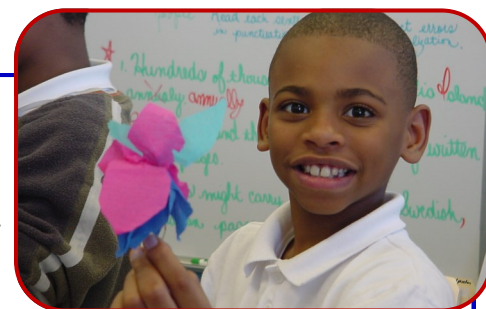
**VISION**

Our mission is to ensure every Baltimore City Public Schools student receives a quality, comprehensive, sequential education in and through the arts.

**GOALS FOR ARTS EDUCATION**

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

- Connect Initiative programming to the Common Core curriculum
- Support the continued implementation of the Baltimore City Public Schools .5 arts teacher mandate
- Engage key community stakeholders in identifying methods of addressing gaps in arts programming for students
- Embed the Initiative work in the larger picture of Baltimore City Public Schools and other city initiatives
- Build and sustain a strong community coalition of in- and out-of-school providers to serve as a unified voice advocating for equity and access in arts education through district, city, and state policy
- Develop a plan for coordination and staffing support of the Initiative
- Establish a process for annual transparent collection and release of data
- Collect and analyze data that evaluates the success of implementation of the proposed programs
- Establish the Data Committee as the repository for all Initiative data
- Build direct communications among inside and outside partners



**OUTCOMES**

- In Summer 2016, the Young Audiences/Arts for Learning Summer Arts and Learning Academies reached 900 students at four sites, up from 200 students at two sites in Summer 2015.
- In an expansion of the Learning Journeys pilot program, 14,112 students in grades K, 6, and 12 participated in programs with the Pratt Library, the Walters Art Museum, and the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra, respectively, during the 2015-2016 school year.
- For the 2014-2015 school year, Baltimore City Public Schools hired a net gain of 19.5 arts specialists, which expanded arts education access to 5,757 students across 13 schools.
- For the first time since the 1990's, the School Board of Commissioners approved a Fine Arts Plan for the school district. The Fine Arts Plan set goals for the district to ensure sequential arts education, continuous specialized instruction across schools, and classroom connections to arts and cultural communities ("Learning Journeys").
- A grassroots coalition, known as the Arts Education Coalition, organized over 150 students, parents, educators, and community members to attend a January 2014 school board meeting, showing visible support for arts education.

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