

Ensuring the Arts for  
**ANY GIVEN CHILD**<sup>®</sup>  
 The Kennedy Center

**HOUSTON, TX**

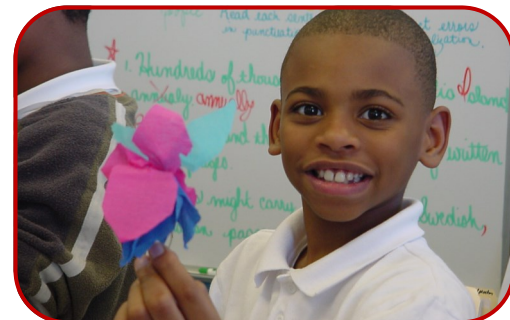
**HOUSTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Students K-8—147,269  
 Teachers serving K-8—8,382  
 Schools serving K-8—235

**VISION**

The Arts Access Initiative’s vision is that all children should have the opportunity to benefit cognitively, creatively, academically, and emotionally through the arts.

The Arts Access Initiative’s Collective Impact coalition, which includes Houston Independent School District leaders, city officials, arts and cultural organizations, higher education leaders, the philanthropic community, principals, teachers, parents and students, works together to advance student arts access through partnerships, data collection, advocacy and strategy, and is committed to our guiding goals of equity, impact and sustainability.



**GOALS FOR ARTS EDUCATION**

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

- Expand arts access for K-8 students in the Houston Independent School District (HISD).
- Build district capacity to support arts access expansion across HISD.
- Align and strengthen partnerships to ensure arts equity and high-quality arts learning for students.
- Ensure sustainability of the Arts Access Initiative.



**OUTCOMES**

- The 2015-2016 school year marked the first year of arts access expansion through the implementation of a pilot program in K-8 schools. The combination of in-school performances and workshops, field trips, and residencies totaled more than 75,000 student hours of arts programming, reaching 6,878 students.
- More than 40 arts and cultural institutions participated in the Collective Impact effort, offering over 140 programs for schools.
- **Any Given Child** Houston developed an Arts Guide that includes information about more than 140 partnership programs available for schools. The guide encourages principals to match partnership offerings with overall campus goals, and includes best practices for partnership development.
- Young Audiences of Houston, the Arts Access Initiative’s fiscal agent and backbone organization, secured funding from diverse sources including Houston Endowment, Houston Independent School District, and the National Endowment for the Arts.
- Professional development opportunities for teachers increased during the 2015-2016 school year. Partners and the Houston Independent School District (HISD) collaborated to develop new arts integration online content for teachers. Additionally, partners facilitated arts-based professional development at Houston Independent School District’s New Teacher Academy and Deborah Brzoska, Kennedy Center Teaching Artist, provided an arts integration seminar during Houston Independent School District’s Professional Learning Series.

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