

Ensuring the Arts for
ANY GIVEN CHILD
 The Kennedy Center

IOWA CITY, IA

IOWA CITY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Students K-8—9,712

Teachers serving K-8—776

Schools serving K-8—23

District Budget—\$234,973,187

VISION

The vision of the Iowa City Community Arts team is to provide ongoing access to diverse, interactive, and inspiring arts experiences for every K-8 child in the Iowa City Community School District. Early and consistent participation in the arts develops creative problem solvers, fosters interdisciplinary learning and cross-cultural understanding, and cultivates lifetime participation in the arts.

We will use a multi-sector approach that reaches out to the entire community through elevated parent engagement, strong volunteer participation, and effective partnerships. In the Iowa City area, the arts have always been an essential community resource; these valuable resources will be mobilized to ensure every child has equal access to the arts.



GOALS FOR ARTS EDUCATION

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

- Establish the four main components for infrastructure of **Any Given Child** Iowa City
- Raise \$25,000 a year for two years.
- Support current arts programming and help initiate new programs in response to needs in theater and dance in grades K-2 and 7-8.
- Communicate the vision and mission to a variety of different constituents (parents, educators, students, artists, business owners, and funders).

OUTCOMES

- During 2015-2016, **Any Given Child** Iowa City successfully increased student access to dance activities. Iowa City Community School District second graders danced with professional dancers during physical education class, and fourth graders participated in two-day dance workshops. Approximately 1,000 students in each grade level participated in these experiences.
- Partnerships were initiated with the Iowa Children’s Museum and the University of Iowa’s Arts Share, Hancher Auditorium, Museum of Art, and School of Music to provide future arts programming to address gaps in opportunities.
- Three professional development workshops for teachers were organized and held in summer 2016.
- An **Any Given Child** Iowa City office was established in the school district office, bringing the program access to district administration and the Iowa City Community School District Foundation. The Community Arts Team was re-energized and began working in committees.
- Three years of funding for **Any Given Child** Iowa City was secured.



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