

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

**JUNEAU, AK**

**JUNEAU SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
 Students K-8—3,206  
 Teachers serving K-12—348  
 Schools serving K-8—11  
 District Budget—\$6,559,874

**VISION**

We believe that all Juneau School District students must have diverse, inspirational and multi-cultural arts learning experiences that develop pride, confidence, creativity and innovative thinking. The arts are part of the basic curriculum, integrated into ongoing classroom learning where teachers and students alike actively engage in creative endeavors.



**GOALS FOR ARTS EDUCATION**

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

- Connect with families, artists, educators, policymakers, businesses, and partners to build awareness about the value of arts and cultural experiences for all students, and inspire support and advocacy across our community
- Sustain, expand, and celebrate programs and strategies for learning in and through the arts and culture for all K-12 students; focusing on equity for K-8 and depth for grades 9-12
- Increase professional development in the arts, arts integration, and culture for all stakeholders, educators, arts specialists, teaching artists, administrators, and arts organizations



**OUTCOMES**

- In 2016, Juneau’s Artful Teaching Project was launched to integrate the arts and local culture into Juneau’s classrooms. The Juneau School District, University of Alaska Southeast, Juneau Arts and Humanities Council, and The Canvas collaborated to provide 87 teachers with over 649 Artful Teaching hours of professional development and practice in arts integration.
- In June 2016, 11 representatives from Juneau (four principals, two University of Alaska Southeast faculty members, two teachers, two arts organization representatives, and one teaching artist) attended the Kennedy Center’s annual Arts Integration Conference .
- In February 2016, principals, administrators, philanthropic leaders, teachers, and **Any Given Child** representatives attended a Leadership in Arts Education luncheon at the Alaska Governor’s House with First Lady Donna Walker. Kennedy Center consultant Deborah Brzoska led a presentation on the arts and their impact on the brain and learning.
- **Any Given Child** Juneau worked with the Juneau Arts and Humanities Council and the Juneau School District to plan, organize, and facilitate three sets of Arts Excursions in partnership with the Sealaska Heritage Institute, the Preservation Theatre, and the Juneau Symphony. 352 second grade students, 321 fifth grade students, and 341 eighth grade students attended the Arts Excursions during the 2015-2016 school year.
- **Any Given Child** Juneau coordinated restructuring of school-based arts teams to streamline communications and planning for all school-based arts programming. A collaborative arts calendar for the district was developed and an “Arts Team Day” served to review the current landscape of arts education in the district. 11 out of 13 schools in the district were represented at this event.

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