

Ensuring the Arts for
ANY GIVEN CHILD[®]
 The Kennedy Center

SARASOTA, FL

SARASOTA COUNTY SCHOOLS

Students K-8—24,068

Teachers serving K-8—1,978

Schools serving K-8—33

District Budget—\$805,693,783

VISION

We believe that every child deserves a continuous, quality arts education. All students should experience all the arts, in school and in the community, so that they may become creative, engaged learners, prepared to lead successful lives.



GOALS FOR ARTS EDUCATION

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

- Continue celebrating and sustaining all that is working in arts education for K-8 students.
- Expand and enhance arts education programs and increase access for all K-8 students.
- Create an infrastructure for long-term success of the **Any Given Child** initiative.
- Grow capacity for support of the **Any Given Child** initiative through the alignment of funding sources.



OUTCOMES

- In 2015-2016, the district added a full-time orchestra teacher, shared by two middle schools. Also, a dance program was launched at a middle school.
- Sarasota County Schools was selected by the U.S. Department of Education to receive \$1.2 million over four years through the Professional Development for Arts Educators (PDAE) program. Because of this grant, **Any Given Child** Sarasota's Arts Integration specialist was in residence at four Title I schools on a weekly basis in 2015-2016.
- During 2015-2016, third grade students attended the Sarasota Ballet and fourth grade students had the chance to visit the Ringling Museum. Funding has been approved to connect middle school students with Patriot Plaza, providing an exploration of civics and visual art. Additionally, summer arts and cultural experiences were provided for 488 rising K-3 students at Title I schools.
- In June 2014, **Any Given Child** Sarasota launched the Arts Integration league for over 100 teachers and administrators to participate in professional development in partnership with the Van Wezel Performing Arts Hall.

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