

The National Endowment for the Arts AND ARTS EDUCATION

The arts are a fundamental part of American lives and American education, and arts education can transform students, schools, and communities. The National Endowment for the Arts is helping ensure Americans of all ages have opportunities to learn, create, and grow.



ARTS EDUCATION AND THE ARTS ENDOWMENT

The National Endowment for the Arts supports arts learning, both in and out of the classroom, as a way to develop creative thinking skills and inspire self-expression. On average each year:



\$5.3 M of that supports 176 preK-12 arts education projects



74.7% of arts education projects (preK-12) directly engaged underserved populations.

The NEA recognizes the important role of arts education in educating, engaging, and empowering youth, while also supporting the social and emotional learning needs of students, helping them to succeed both in and out of school.

ARTS EDUCATION AND ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

National Endowment for the Arts research shows that arts education helps students succeed throughout their academic careers and their lives.

Arts education is associated with many positive, long-term academic, social, and workforce benefits.



Creative Thinking



Civic Engagement



Problem-Solving

8-12th grade students from low socioeconomic backgrounds who received arts education were 3x more likely to earn a bachelor's degree than students who lacked those experiences



Students from low socioeconomic backgrounds who have access to the arts in or out of school are more likely to

Have higher STEM scores

Set higher career goals

Volunteer more



ARTS EDUCATION IS KEY TO THE CREATIVE ECONOMY

In 2020, arts and cultural production contributed \$876.7 B to the U.S. economy

4.2% OF THE NATION'S GDP



>4.6 M people worked in the arts and cultural industries in the U.S. in 2020, including



Broadcasting



Movies



Publishing



Performing Arts



Creative Advertising

Arts education helps prepare the next generation of the creative economy.

The National Endowment for the Arts advances arts education across the country by funding initiatives, publishing research, and maintaining partnerships that lay the foundation for lifelong learning.