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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:

- Funded 216 grants to support lifelong learning.
- 5.5 M of arts education projects (pre-K-12) directly engaged under-served populations.
- 77.6% of arts education projects (pre-K-12) directly engaged under-served populations.
- The Arts Endowment provides financial resources, leadership and support to ensure our nation’s youth have access to educational opportunities that will help them learn and be active and participatory citizens.

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 and cultural production contribute $919.7 B to the US economy.
- Arts education helps prepare the next generation of the creative economy.
- Arts education is associated with many positive, long-term academic, social, and workforce benefits.
- Creative Thinking: Set higher career goals
- Civic Engagement: Volunteer more
- Problem Solving: Have higher STEM scores
- 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
  - Be 3x more likely to earn a bachelor’s degree than students who lacked those experiences

ARTS EDUCATION IS KEY TO THE CREATIVE ECONOMY

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