

# 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 NEA is helping ensure Americans of all ages have opportunities to learn, create, and grow.



## ARTS EDUCATION AND THE NEA

The NEA 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:



\$6 M

of that supports 180 pre-K – 12 arts education projects



~40% of NEA arts education grantees are located in high-poverty neighborhoods

The NEA 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

NEA 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

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



At-risk youth 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

Arts and cultural production contribute **\$729.6 B** to the US economy

4.2% OF THE NATION'S GDP

4.8 M

Americans work in the arts and cultural industries, including



Broadcasting



Movies



Publishing



Performing Arts



Creative Advertising

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

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