



Baltimore Arts Education Initiative

The Baltimore City Public Schools Arts Education Strategic Plan seeks to increase access to the highest quality of music, visual art, theatre, dance and media arts instruction, while nurturing each student's unique gift of talent and creativity. We wish to encourage our students to achieve their fullest potential – to support them as they grow artistically and academically, and develop into well-rounded individuals – nourished in body, mind and spirit.

What does the arts plan mean for my school?

By School Year 2022

All Pre-k through 5 students are enrolled in visual art and music classes each year with dance and theater units taught in physical education and language arts

All students in grades 6-8 will be in enrolled in an arts class and choose from two or more arts subjects (visual art, music, theatre or dance) each year. Students can choose an arts focus by enrolling in the same arts subject each year.

All students in grades 9-12 will choose from all arts subjects to complete the art graduation requirement. Students can enroll in 1 or more art subjects each year to specialize and prepare for college and/or a career in the arts.

Some schools will choose to integrate the arts into math, language arts, science, and social studies to improve student learning.

Schools will have access to arts partnership programs in-school, after-school and in the summer that celebrate student voice, culture and traditions.

Schools will be supported through teacher training, strong arts curriculum, and funding.

Families will be able to see the arts classes, programs, and partnerships that are offered at each school in the district.