

ARTS ED

Newark



ARTS ED NEWARK PARTNERS call for **EQUITY** in
HIGH-QUALITY ARTS EDUCATION for **ALL YOUTH** in Newark.
We are 50+ arts education stakeholders who came together
because we believe the **ARTS CAN TRANSFORM**
young people and help them **THRIVE!**

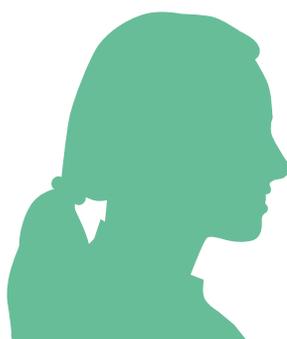
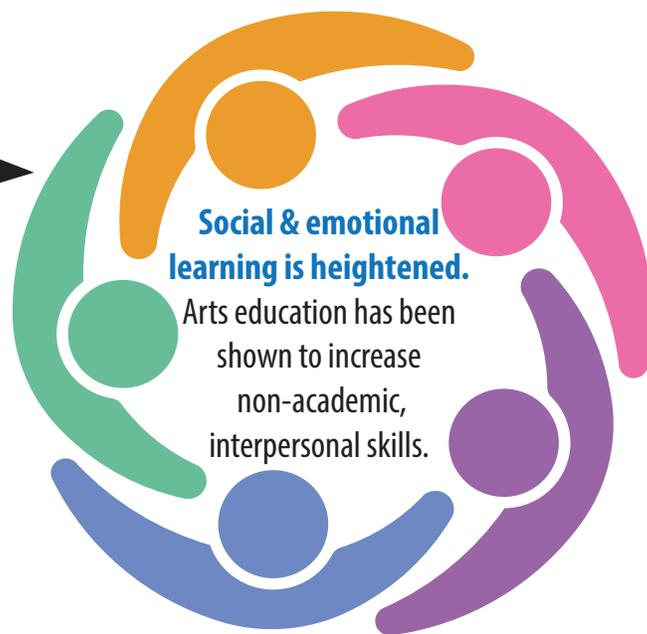
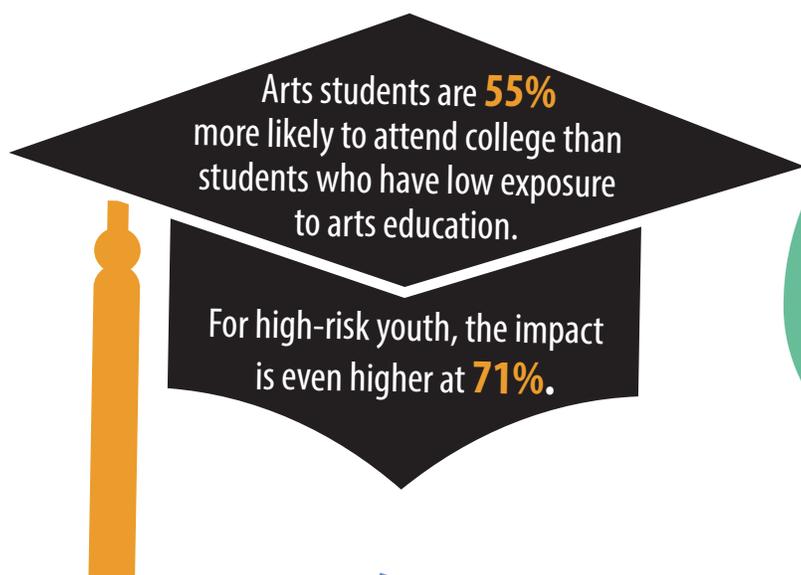


WHY ARTS ED?

THE ARTS AND ARTS EDUCATION PLAY A CRITICAL ROLE IN THE FUTURE OF NEWARK.

- Experiencing and creating art is essential to our humanity.
- The arts stimulate expression, help us better understand our emotions, & help us empathize with others.
- Arts education teaches focus, critical thinking and problem-solving in collaboration.

While we all **WORK FOR A BETTER NEWARK TODAY**, we need to pave the way for our young people to **THRIVE** tomorrow. We believe **ARTS EDUCATION** is a critical part of that path forward.



Language development

is higher among students who have access to arts education.



The Future of *Newark*

2019 NEWARK YOUTH STATISTICS

- College graduation rate of **13%**.
- **27%** drop out rate from high school.
- **4%** with a graduate or professional degree.
- **33%** of Newark's population are under the age of 18.
- Chronic absenteeism rates for black male students were more than **50%**.
- **71%** of Newark residents graduated from high school, **30%** have earned a GED.

"Our task regarding creativity, is to help children climb their own mountains as high as possible. No one can do more."

- Loris Malaguzzi

"Art has the role in education of helping children become like themselves instead of more like everyone else."

- Sydney Gurewitz Clemens

The Starting Point

According to a 2019 report, "Newark Kids Count 2019," the child population under 18 years old was 70,129 children in 2017. Given that data, combined with the Arts Ed New Jersey 2017 Arts Census, **it is estimated that the majority of Newark children do not have access to a high-quality arts education.**



Our Platform!

We call for access to high-quality arts education for every Newark youth.

AS PARTNERS, WE SEEK TO:

- **Build collaboration** among arts programs. Be a learning community through cross-learning.
- **Identify the number of youth who have access to arts education** programs in & out of school citywide.
- **Ensure quality of programs** based on statewide standards as they emerge.
- **Advocate for increased access & resources** to deliver arts education in schools & in communities.
- **Build capacity among our partners** to be the best advocates we can be.

ENGAGE!

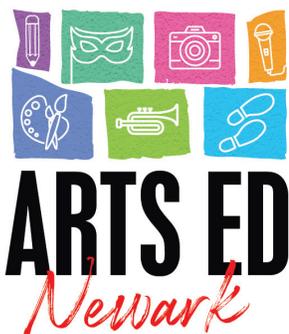


Achieving the goal of **ARTS ED EQUITY** for all Newark youth is a **COMMUNITY-WIDE EFFORT.**



How You Can Be an Arts Ed Champion!

- **Spread the Word!** Arts advocacy starts with each individual. Speak up about how important arts education is for you and tell your friends.
- **Get the Tools to be an Arts Ed Champion.** Visit ArtsEdNewark.org
- **Share on Social Media.** Tell your story and engage others!
- **Become a Partner!** Join a community with a shared vision.



ABOUT ARTS ED NEWARK

Arts Ed Newark is a hub for arts education champions. As a group, we galvanize a single voice for arts ed equity for every Newark youth. To support this work, we pool our knowledge and experience as professionals, parents, artists, and teachers to help each other be the best advocates we can be. Together, we see a bright future for Newark. We know the power of arts education can transform next generations and their communities – today and for tomorrow.

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