

ARTS ED

Newark



ARTS ED NEWARK PARTNERS call for **EQUITY** in **HIGH-QUALITY ARTS EDUCATION** for **ALL YOUTH** in Newark. We are 90+ arts education stakeholders who came together because we believe the **ARTS CAN TRANSFORM** young people and help them **THRIVE!**

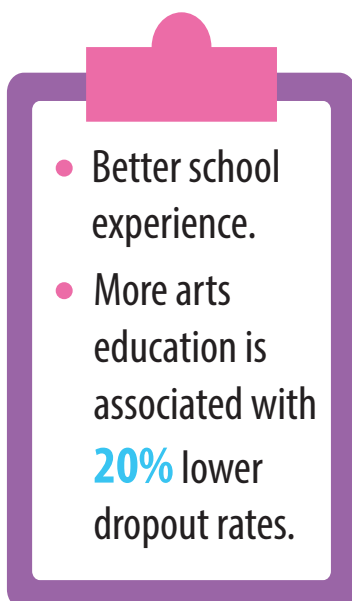
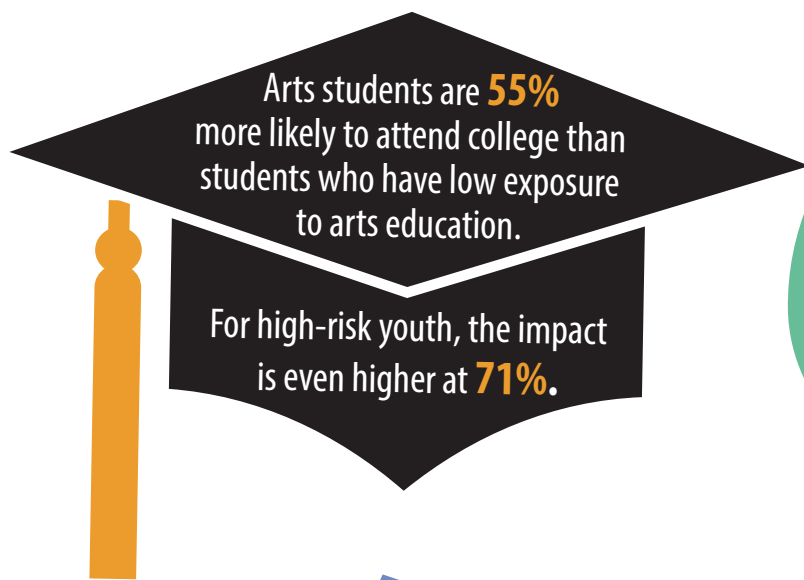


WHY ARTS ED?

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*

2020 NEWARK YOUTH STATISTICS

- College graduation rate of **13%**.
- **25%** dropout rate from high school.
- **15%** with a graduate or professional degree.
- **25%** of Newark's population are under the age of 18.
- Chronic absenteeism rates for black male students were more than **47%**.
- **78%** of Newark residents graduated from high school, **30%** have earned a GED.

"Art is the window that reveals our imagination. And our imagination determines our future. That is why education is so very important."

- Willie Cole

"Giving a child the tools to bring their most creative thoughts and ideas to a life through the exploration of arts education is the ultimate gift."

- Porche Hardy

The Starting Point

According to a 2020 report, "Newark Kids Count 2020," the child population under 18 years old was 69,941 children in 2018. Given that data, combined with the Arts Ed New Jersey 2018 Arts Census, **it is estimated that the majority of Newark children do not have access to a high-quality arts education.**



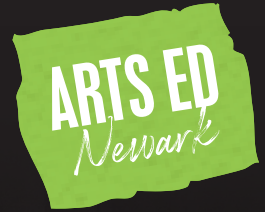
Our Platform!

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!

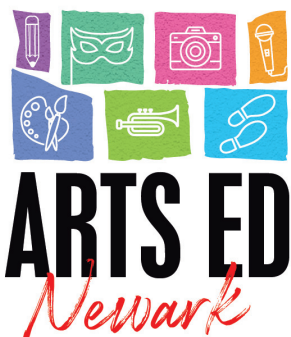


Achieving the goal of **ARTS ED EQUITY** for all Newark youth is a **COMMUNITY-WIDE EFFORT.**



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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