



Arts @ Large Application Guidelines

Since 2001, Arts @ Large has partnered K-12 teachers and administrators with artist partners, community organizations, and higher education to create an arts-rich learning environment that promotes high academic achievement.

Through funding from the U. S. Department of Education, the National Endowment for the Arts and numerous individuals, foundations and corporations, Arts @ Large has served up to 24 schools in a given school year reaching nearly 10,000 students and teachers with arts integration services.

Education is not the filling of a pail but the lighting of a fire.
William Butler Yeats

Here's how Arts @ Large ignites the spark that lights the fire...

- Arts @ Large staff works with schools to create project teams comprised of teachers representing all grade levels and a variety of academic subjects.
- Teams identify academic learning priorities.
- Arts @ Large helps teams forge sustainable partnerships with higher education, artists, arts organizations and community organizations.
- Teachers participate in workshops, in-services, and higher education courses to acquire skills in proven arts integration methods.
- Teacher teams and partners collaborate to create arts integrated curriculum that motivates students to higher levels of academic achievement.

Arts @ Large schools receive a multitude of services that build an arts-rich learning environment.

- Arts @ Large provides professional development for teachers through participation in higher education arts integration courses, on and off-site in-services and workshops.
- We provide substitute teachers that allow classroom teachers the opportunity to participate in visual, performing, and literary arts workshops.
- We provide art, music and multi-media supplies for academic curriculum-based arts integration experiences.
- Arts @ Large provides transportation and admission fees for students and teachers to attend performances and exhibitions.
- We also provide resources for students to create their own neighborhood and public exhibitions, performances and special arts events.

Is Your School Eligible for the Arts @ Large Program?

Schools eligible are K-8 schools that...

- have a .2 or less art and/or music specialist allocation.
- have 50% or more of the student body eligible for free or reduced-price lunch.
- have an enrollment of 500 or less.
- have a diverse ethnic, social, developmental, and academic focused student population.
- support providing arts experiences for ALL students, regardless of their ability, geographic location, gender, ethnicity or socioeconomic status.
- demonstrate support by administrators and teachers to create a school-wide, sustained commitment to the arts by integrating visual, performing, and literary arts across the academic spectrum.
- demonstrate the ability by classroom teachers to lead an arts integration effort.
- support collaboration between classroom teachers and community artist, arts organization, and higher education partnerships to enhance academic learning.
- support professional development for all teachers in arts integration strategies.
- staff administrators willing to explore ways to retain, increase or reinstate licensed specialists in full or part time capacities within or at the end of Arts @ Large's three-year tenure in a school. (Length of support is based on available funding.)

4. Please describe your special needs student population. (Number of students, types of exceptionality, and staff that support your special needs population.)

5. Please describe the facilities and material resources available in your school to support an Arts @ Large program.

6. If your school is selected, who might you invite to serve on your Arts @ Large team to best represent the interests of all students and teachers in your school? (may include classroom teachers, specialists, administrators, special education representatives, parent volunteers...)

7. Is there anything else that you wish to share that would encourage your school's acceptance into the Arts @ Large program?

Yes, _____ school meets the Arts @ Large eligibility requirements as listed on page 2 of this document.

Principal _____ Date _____
 Signature

Contact Person _____ Date _____
 Signature

Arts @ Large schools served since 2001 include...
Milwaukee Public Schools: 53rd St. School, 95th St. School, Cooper Elementary, Thomas A. Edison Middle School, Ralph Waldo Emerson Elementary, Fairview School, Dr. Arthur A. Fletcher Elementary, La Escuela Fratney Two-Way Bilingual Elementary, Harlan Garland Elementary, U.S. Grant Elementary, Hartford University School for Urban Explorations, Hawley Environmental School, Dr. Martin Luther King School, Richard Kluge Elementary, I.D.E.A.L. Charter School, Kagel Elementary, Richard Kluge Elementary, Lincoln Center Middle School of the Arts, McNair Academy, Ralph H. MetCalfe School, Milwaukee Sign Language School, Milwaukee Village School, North Division High School, Franklin Pierce Elementary, Riverside University High School, Jackie Robinson Middle School, St. Charles Youth & Family Services, Sarah A. Scott Middle School, Albert Story School, Stuart Elementary, Tippecanoe School for the Arts & Humanities, Townsend Street School, Walker International Middle School, Clement J. Zablocki Elementary
MPS Community Learning Centers: Clark St. School, Green Bay Avenue Elementary, Hopkins St. School, Urban Waldorf
Eau Claire Area School District: Delong Middle School, Lakeshore Elementary, Longfellow Elementary, Roosevelt Elementary, Putnam Heights Elementary, Sherman Elementary