

# BPS Arts Expansion Overview

Boston Public Schools Arts Expansion is a multi-year effort to expand arts education across the district. Launched in 2009, BPS Arts Expansion is focused on a coherent, sustainable approach to quality arts education for all students. A true public-private partnership, BPS Arts Expansion has brought together local foundations, the school district, arts organizations, higher education institutions, and the Mayor's Office. This collaboration of local leaders along with students, families, and school staff, led by the BPS Visual and Performing Arts Department and EdVestors, believes in the power of art to develop creative, engaged learners.

## GOALS

- **EXPAND DIRECT ARTS INSTRUCTION**
- **BUILD DISTRICT AND SCHOOL CAPACITY TO SUPPORT THE ARTS**
- **STRENGTHEN AND COORDINATE PARTNERSHIPS**
- **ENSURE LONG-TERM SUSTAINABILITY BY BUILDING BROAD OWNERSHIP**



## More public funding and more arts teachers



**More than \$34M** spent by the school district annually on arts education (up from \$15M in 2009)

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return of increased public investment for every private dollar invested



**146 additional** full-time arts teachers hired by BPS since 2009

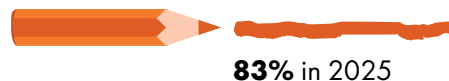
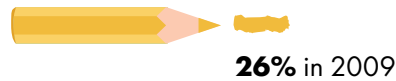
# BPS Arts Expansion Impact

Nearly 17,000 more students receiving in-school arts

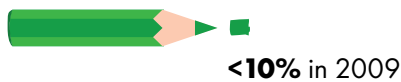
% students in PreK-8 receiving weekly arts | Gain **32%p**



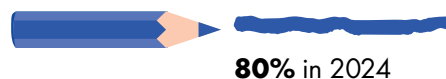
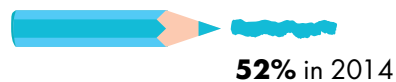
% students in high school receiving any arts | Gain **57%p**



% students in PreK-8 receiving twice weekly arts | Gain **60%p**



% high school graduates meeting Mass Core arts requirement | Gain **28%p**



One of BPS Arts Expansion's ideas — bring arts in, show the value and then have school buy in — happened.

BPS CERTIFIED ARTS TEACHER



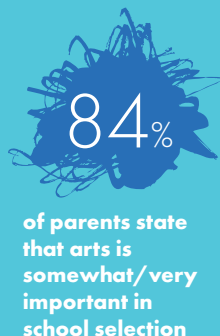
BPS Arts Expansion has given the arts the presence it should have.

ARTS PARTNER



The arts, especially music and dance, have created a more lively and energetic environment.

PRINCIPAL



I believe art stimulates my mind and makes it easier to do traditional learning.

STUDENT

