

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 \$26M 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



130 additional full-time arts teachers hired by BPS since 2009

BPS Arts Expansion Impact

Nearly 17,000 more students receiving in-school arts

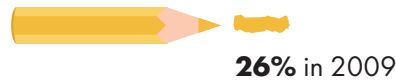
% students in PreK-8
receiving weekly arts

Gain 30%



% students in high
school receiving
any arts

Gain 40%



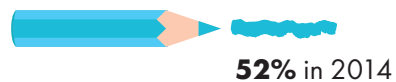
% students in PreK-8
receiving twice
weekly arts

Gain 56%



% high school graduates
meeting Mass Core arts
recommendation

Gain 10%



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

71%
of arts partners
report positive
changes in working
with schools

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

PRINCIPAL

84%
of parents state
that arts is
somewhat/very
important in
school selection

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

STUDENT

59%
of high school
students want more
arts instruction
during the school
day