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At ArtsNOW, our guiding purpose is to reshape learning in, and out of, the classroom. For over 20 years, ArtsNOW has transformed education through integrated learning and arts in education. By integrating visual, digital, and performing arts into all subjects, we set the stage for

teachers to be more confident and effective in their teaching, leading to deeper student engagement for greater academic and personal achievement.

The 2022 - 2023 school year was exceptionally awe-inspiring and impact-affirming, as we regained full force with our in-person professional learning and classroom support, expanded our presence significantly into South Carolina, and launched our first annual Principals' Network Conference to further connect our ArtsNOW partners, community, and thought leaders through arts integration.

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school districts

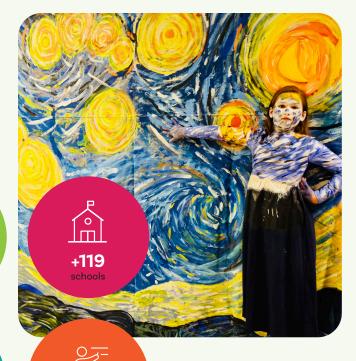
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students

Our professional learning and in-classroom support were back stronger than ever! We welcomed 119 new schools and 18 new school districts into partnerships, and more than 14,000 new educators and administrators, impacting more than 30,000 students.

With a focus on growing our service footprint, ArtsNOW expanded our presence significantly into South Carolina, partnering in a state-wide collaboration with the South Carolina Arts Commission and Arts Grow South Carolina. With the goal of providing equitable access to learning in, and through the arts, ArtsNOW was able to serve over 380 teachers and 5,800 students.

ArtsNOW grew our programming in Savannah, Georgia by advancing our partnership with Georgia Institute of Technology's Center for Education Integrating Science, Mathematics, and Computing, better known as "CEISMC", by adding additional learning opportunities for more than 400 students through STEAM Saturdays and Summer Steam Sessions.



One of our proudest, and most exciting, accomplishments was the premier of our first Principals' Network Conference in Greenville, South Carolina, which will

now become an annual event. ArtsNOW hosted 50 participants from 17 school districts across the Southeast to gain insights, participate in presentations, and share best practices from arts integration leaders.

Looking toward the future of ArtsNOW, we are set on expanding our service footprint, exploring new regional and national partnerships, and significantly adding to our library of online resources for educators and families.

ArtsNOW is on our way to making great strides in advancing arts integration and integrated learning. With a focus on educators and students, and by emphasizing the arts in education, ArtsNOW continues to provide an engaging learning environment that promotes teacher confidence and improves student engagement.

Thank you for joining us as we continue to bring learning to life!

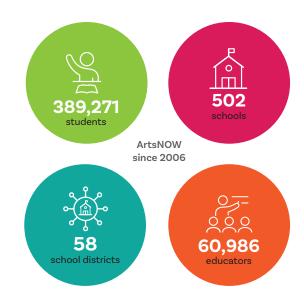
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Pamela Walker, CEO/President





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Premiering the Principals' Network Conference

In February 2023, ArtsNOW planned and hosted our first Principals' Network Conference in Greenville, South Carolina. 50 participants from 17 districts across the Southeast came together to experience insights, presentations, and best practices from education and arts integration thought leaders. As one of the distinguished guest speakers, David A. Dik, National Executive Director of Young Audiences Arts for Learning, spoke to the group about renewing and re-energizing leadership skills for the "new normal" in a post-pandemic world.

"The ArtsNOW Principals' Network Conference allowed needed time for a group of extraordinary school leaders who see the power of arts in their classrooms to reflect, rejuvenate, and rethink the challenges and opportunities they face." - David Dik, National Executive Director, Young Audiences





Gadsden team at Foundational Seminar

ArtsNOW Foundational Seminars

Each year, ArtsNOW Foundational Seminars host teams of educators (K-12) to explore arts-integrated instructional strategies aligned to state and national standards. Foundational Seminars are specifically designed for school teams, including administrators, arts educators, and classroom teachers. During an immersive two-and-a-half-days, educators leave equipped to bring creativity, innovation, and arts integration into the classroom across all content

areas. Highlights include research-based strategies, participation in hands-on learning, and music, theatre, dance, visual arts, and digital/media arts demonstrations. Participants receive 20 professional learning contact hours.



10+ Years and Growing Stronger Barrow County, Georgia

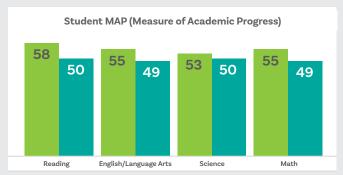
For over a decade, ArtsNOW and Barrow County School System have worked side-by-side to forge a true district-wide partnership for innovation and arts integration. With the Center for Innovative Teaching (CFIT) at the heart of the partnership, ArtsNOW leads this Research and Development Lab for continuous improvement.

ArtsNOW and Barrow County Schools have grown our signature ArtsNOW Residency Program, working directly with students while simultaneously offering professional learning for educators. This partnership has been instrumental in the design and development of both the Barrow County Arts and Innovation Magnet (AIM) for grades 6-8, and the Barrow Arts and Sciences Academy (BASA) for grades 9-12.



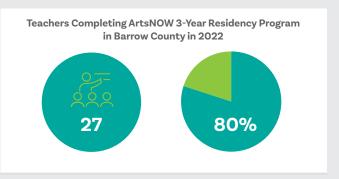
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The data speaks for itself:



Classrooms of ArtsNOW/Barrow County Teacher Leaders implementing arts-integrated strategies on a consistent basis





Number of Barrow County teachers completing program

The majority remain active teachers in Barrow County

"ArtsNOW has been a true partner having real impact on the work we are doing across the district to make teaching and learning more engaging for our teachers and students, with documented results to show for it." - Dr. Chris McMichael, Superintendent, Barrow County Schools





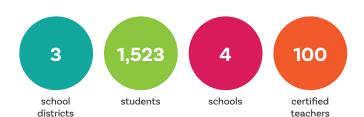


Shining Bright and Making a Difference

Metro Atlanta, Georgia



In 2021, ArtsNOW was named as a Learn4Life Metro Atlanta's Bright Spot for Early Literacy, supporting and improving educator preparation and effectiveness. Funding from a private donor allowed ArtsNOW to provide two-year grants to four metro Atlanta schools that demonstrated the need to focus on literacy.





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Learning Through the Arts

South Carolina

Arts Grow SC provides equitable access to learning in, and through, the arts for South Carolina students. Building on our mission to equip teachers, engage students, and grow school communities through arts integrated approaches, ArtsNOW is serving as a collaborative state-wide professional learning partner providing arts-in-education support in underserved communities. Funded by the American Rescue Plan Elementary and Secondary Schools Emergency Relief (ARP ESSER) fund, Arts Grow SC will help public schools throughout the state address pandemic related learning loss with proven, arts-based learning initiatives.

The competencies most impacted by ArtsNOW professional learning were reported as:



read critically



express ideas



investigate through inquiry

Teachers reported that the professional learning had some or large impact on:



their knowledge of students' interests



their students' level of engagement

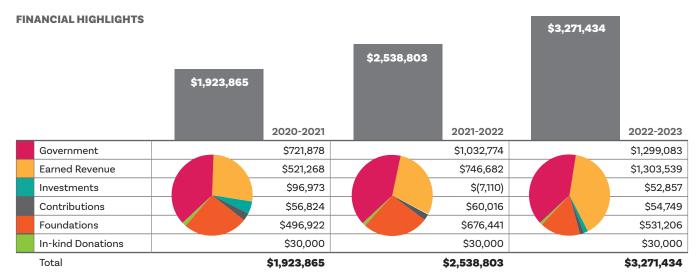


their relationship with their students

"The partnership with ArtsNOW has been remarkable! I've heard time and time again from our teachers that the ArtsNOW model for providing arts integration training is exactly how they learn best." - Bradley D. Wingate, Director of Visual & Performing Arts, Greenville County Schools

Highlights of the Increase in Our Funding

We continually strengthen our financial and organizational model to support our strategic development and expansion for professional and integrated learning.



Special Thanks to Our Financial Supporters

Our work would not be possible without the financial support we receive from foundations, universities, corporations and individuals throughout our community. ArtsNOW supporters are essential to developing and delivering integrated learning solutions to schools across our network.























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Mission

The mission of ArtsNOW is to transform lives through customized solutions to meet educational needs utilizing arts-integration and innovative strategies.



Vision

ArtsNOW is the leading professional learning organization for resourceful and innovative approaches that engage students, equip educators, and grow school communities for meaningful impact on the future.

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