

FAST FACTS

Cathedral Arts Project

1. CAP primarily serves lower-income and at-risk children in Northeast Florida, making an effort to provide services to those who need them most. Priority for CAP programs is given to students at Duval County Public Schools where at least 62% of those enrolled qualify for free or reduced-price meals.
2. The Cathedral Arts Project serves more than just K-8 students, with programs ranging from advocacy to families, policy makers and business leaders, to professional development for local artists, educators and administrators.
3. CAP instructs, instills and inspires using standards-based curriculum, rigorous and sequential learning, and exposure to professional and diverse working artists and cultural venues.
4. The driving force behind all CAP programs is the belief that the arts matter – they provide essential skills, like creative thinking, perseverance, teamwork and self-discipline, that benefit all people in all areas of their lives.

Any Given Child Jacksonville

1. #TheArtsAddUp to increased graduation rates, a stronger economy and more creative individuals equipped to solve the challenges of tomorrow.
2. Any Given Child Jacksonville is a community of diverse stakeholders with one mission – to ensure every K-8 student in Duval County has equitable access to a high-quality arts education.
3. Through partnerships, AGC Jacksonville evaluates and addresses the local landscape of arts education and facilitates new resources where there is need.
4. The John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts launched Ensuring the Arts for Any Given Child in 2009 to bring communities together to implement comprehensive, sustainable arts education agendas. In 2013, Jacksonville was selected as the 14th Any Given Child community.

Arts Education

1. Low-income students who regularly participate in the arts have a dropout rate of only 4%, compared to a 22% overall dropout rate among their peers. (Americans for the Arts)

2. The decline of arts education is most drastic in underserved populations, where students who could benefit the most from arts education are getting it the least (Americans for the Arts). The arts have been shown to alleviate the impact of poverty on children's physiological functioning (West Chester University).
3. Arts education creates tomorrow's leaders – enhancing the creative capacity of young people and empowering them to analyze, innovate and create.
4. A high concentration of the arts in a city leads to higher civic engagement and child welfare, and lower crime and poverty rates. (Americans for the Arts)
5. Arts education engages students and promotes understanding and mutual respect for people with diverse histories, cultures and perspectives.
6. The arts provide students with the insights, empathy and language they need to understand each other and, just as important, to understand themselves.