



Program Highlights 2001-2020

The Pennsylvania Department of Education has awarded the Philadelphia Arts in Education Partnership (PAEP) five 21st Century Community Learning Centers grants of \$1.235 million each providing out-of-school-time and summer programming for students grades 5-8. We operate these programs in 19 Philadelphia public schools.

The United States Department of Education awarded PAEP a 4-year \$2.4 million grant in 2018 to further explore the effectiveness of its Arts Link model to increase student academic success and to reframe the model's infrastructure design for replicability and wide dissemination to schools and districts across the country. PAEP is conducting this research with the Hazleton Area School District. This work builds upon PAEP's two prior 4-year Arts in Education Model Development and Dissemination Grants, \$1.1 million each, working with the School District of Philadelphia. These grants, Arts Bridges: Building Literacy through an Integrated Arts Collaborative Model in 2006, and Arts Link: Building Mathematics and Science Competencies through an Arts Integration Model in 2010 were the precursors to our current research.

PAEP was recognized by First Lady Michelle Obama as an exemplary arts education organization for our work on Arts Link.

PAEP was cited by President Obama's Committee on the Arts and Humanities in its 2011 report for the design and implementation of the Nation's first Teaching Artist Certificate program in cooperation with the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts.

PAEP designed and managed The School District of Philadelphia's \$2.5 million Summer Slam enrichment program for 100,000 students with 900 teaching artists from 2009-2011.

PAEP conducts an out-of-school-time literacy and arts program, SmART Readers, in the Free Library of Philadelphia sites funded by the National Endowment for the Arts. The program operates in 8-10 library branches throughout the City.

Scholastic Young Artists and Writers Awards Program selected PAEP as its regional partner in 2006. PAEP continues to manage and host the regional competition, and was one of three sites across the country to produce the national exhibition.

PAEP was selected in 2004, and continues to serve as the regional partner for the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts, Arts in Education Division. PAEP identifies, vets, and trains teaching artists for the Directory of Pennsylvania Artists in Education and designs and implements arts residencies for school districts and community sites for Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Montgomery, and Philadelphia counties.

Since 2005, PAEP has managed the annual southeastern PA Poetry Out Loud program, a high school student poetry recitation competition, on behalf of the PA Council on the Arts for the National Endowment for the Arts. Our regional winner advances to the State competition in Harrisburg, PA and the State winner advances to the national competition in Washington, DC.

Since 2001, 324,000 students have engaged in hands-on arts making experiences working with 4,500 teaching artists representing the performing and visual art disciplines through PAEP's in-school, after-school, community sites, and summer Arts Residency Programs. More than 5,500 teachers have participated in PAEP sponsored and produced arts-integration residencies and professional development programs.

77 regional arts and cultural institutions are participating organizations with PAEP.

In 2015, PAEP launched model arts residency programs for seniors and Pre-K populations throughout southeastern PA.

In 2018, PAEP conducted a residency with students from Radnor Senior High School to create a permanent installation of ceramic and mosaic murals for the PA Turnpike Commission King of Prussia service plaza. PAEP continues this work in 2020 with students from Twin Valley High School who will design and build an installation of three murals for the Peter J. Camiel PA Turnpike service plaza.

In 2018 PAEP introduced arts residencies for veterans in 2 Veterans and Military Affairs Centers, and in 2019 was asked by the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts to develop guidelines and protocols for working with veterans.

In 2020, PAEP is working with its Pennsylvania Council on the Arts partner, Arts in Education Northeast PA, to deliver the newly created InstaARTS program of live online arts classes for students in grades 3–12. This program was conceived in response to the closure of PA schools in mid-March. Students engage in art making activities taught by Directory artists from both the Philadelphia and Scranton areas through a range of art mediums including visual art, poetry, movement, music, and theater. Teaching artists trained in the unique InstaARTS framework deliver lessons through the Zoom platform.