

Executive Summary

2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR



2017-18 Snapshot

- 1st - 5th grade students in Dallas, Polk and Warren Counties participated in over **30,000** community-based or in-class arts and cultural experiences with **18** nonprofit organizations.
- **28** schools and school districts received Connecting Kids and Culture funding.
- Connecting Kids and Culture provided **\$3.40** per student to provide for arts, culture or heritage experiences.

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PROGRAM

Overview

Courtesy of funding provided by the Principal Charity Classic®, Bravo Greater Des Moines and the Community Foundation of Greater Des Moines jointly administer Connecting Kids and Culture. The program provides financial support for 1st-5th grade students to attend arts, culture and heritage field and in-class experiences in Dallas, Polk and Warren counties.

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Need

In the mid-2000s, school budgets and curriculum requirements meant fewer students were participating in field experiences and in-class presentations. Arts and culture organizations also noticed the decline of school trips to their events and facilities. As research shows, early exposure to the arts enhances student learning, develops critical thinking skills and prepares students for advanced learning and the future job market.

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Impact

Seeing the overwhelming need by schools and the declining student attendance at Central Iowa arts and cultural organizations, Bravo Greater Des Moines and the Community of Foundation of Greater Des Moines partnered to create Connecting Kids & Culture. Granting funds directly to schools allows administrators and teachers the ability to select the arts and cultural experiences that will enhance in-classroom learning. Arts and culture organizations also benefit from the increase in students participating in their programs and facilities.



Participating Schools and Districts

Ankeny School District
 Bergman Academy
 Bondurant-Farrar School District
 Carlisle School District
 Christ the King School
 Dallas Center-Grimes School District
 Des Moines Christian School
 Des Moines Independent School District
 Grand View Christian School
 Holy Family School
 Holy Trinity Catholic School
 Indianola School District
 Iowa Christian Academy
 Johnston School District
 Joshua Christian Academy
 North Polk School District
 Norwalk School District
 Sacred Heart School
 Saydel School District

Southeast Polk School District
 St. Anthony School
 St. Augustin School
 St. Francis of Assisi School
 St. Joseph's Catholic School
 St. Pius X Catholic School
 Urbandale School District
 Waukee School District
 West Des Moines School District

Participating Arts & Cultural Organizations and Experiences

Ankeny Historical Society
 Ballet Des Moines
 Blank Park Zoo
 Civic Music Association
 Clive Historical Society
 CultureALL
 Des Moines Art Center

Des Moines Community Playhouse
 Des Moines Metro Opera
 Des Moines Performing Arts
 Des Moines Social Club
 Des Moines Symphony & Academy
 Greater Des Moines Botanical Garden
 Hoyt Sherman Place
 Iowa Dance Theatre
 Iowa Gold Star Museum
 Iowa Hall of Pride
 Iowa State Capitol
 Living History Farms
 Pappajohn Sculpture Park
 Polk County Heritage Gallery
 Salisbury House & Gardens
 Science Center of Iowa
 State Historical Museum
 Urbandale Historical Society
 West Des Moines Historical Society
 World Food Prize Hall of Laureates



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