

Ensuring the Arts for **ANY GIVEN CHILD**



A KC Education Program

Meridian

Joined in 2016

FAST FACTS

#4,817 Students
#517 Teachers
#10 Schools

VISION

We commit to engage all Meridian Public Schools to join the community in a unique creative culture integrating the arts to inspire and enhance learning for all Pre-K through 12th grade students.

GOALS FOR ARTS EDUCATION

- Expand and sustain arts education for all students through interaction of the arts across academic disciplines and more direct arts instruction in art forms.
 - Continue to raise funds to sustain arts education in Meridian.
 - Sequentially build the integration of the arts through professional development of school personnel, artists, and arts organizations.
 - Offer free arts education field trips and experiences to every student in PreK - 12th grades.
 - Build the capacity of the community arts team.
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OUTCOMES

- All elementary and middle schools were provided a teaching artist through Any Given Child Meridian (AGC) or the Whole Schools Initiative. Magnolia Middle School, Parkview Elementary School, and Poplar Springs Elementary School (Model Schools) were not part of the Whole Schools Initiative through the Mississippi Arts Commission, therefore AGC Meridian provided teaching artists for these schools.
- Mississippi Arts Commission Whole Schools Initiative: Crestwood Elementary School, Oakland Heights Elementary School, TJ Harris Lower Elementary School, Northwest Middle School, and West Hills elementary School are members of the whole schools initiative. Poplar Springs Elementary is a model whole school. Each of the schools had a team of at least 5 members attend the Summer Institute at the Thad Cochran Institute in Hattiesburg, Mississippi during the month of July 2022.
- Representatives from MPSD, and MSU-Meridian attended the AGC Exchange and Partners in Education Virtual meetings in February 2022.
- In partnership with the MAX and the East Mississippi Center for Educational Development, AGC hosted an arts integration professional development day with 7 CEUs for teachers and 5 SEMIS for administrators on Monday, June 6, 2022. Fourteen educators participated in the day-long training held at the Mississippi Arts and Entertainment Experience.
- Twenty-five MPSD teachers participated in AGC Meridian's second educator cohort. Meetings were held once a month, where teachers were introduced to an art form and ways to integrate the art forms with academic standards. Teaching artists were from the Mississippi Arts Commission, The Kennedy Center, and The Grammy Museum in Cleveland, MS. At the conclusion of the cohort, teachers worked in teams to develop lesson plans. Teachers were provided with a \$500 stipend and a \$500 art supply budget for their classrooms provided by AGC.
- Partners in Education (PIE) is a Kennedy Center program that partners with MSU-Meridian, MPSD, and Kemper County Schools for arts integration training for

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teachers. During the 2021-2022 school year, 20 MPSD teachers participated in two days of training at the Mississippi Children's Museum, and Central Creativity's virtual "Science in a Box " training. All PIE training sessions had a STEAM focus. AGC Meridian provided \$500 of arts integration supplies/materials for each elementary, middle school, and high school with participating teachers.

- AGC provided arts experiences for students in grades Kindergarten through 12th grade. Students in grades kindergarten through second grade attended the Mississippi Children's Museum, third grade saw a play at The Riley Center, 4th and 8th grade students visited the Mississippi Arts and Entertainment Experience, 5th grade students saw Mary Poppins at The Meridian Little Theater. Various grades in the district traveled to Jackson, Mississippi to see the Mississippi Civil Rights Museum, provided by a grant from the Phil Hardin Foundation. Additionally, AGC helped to support MHS Choral students in their trip to New York City.
- Through a grant donation from the Meridian Council of the Arts, in partnership with the visual arts department of Meridian High School, and the Ross Collins Career and Technical Center, our district now has a permanent art display at the Meridian High School 10th - 12th grade library.

LEADERSHIP

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