

An Initiative of the Acadiana Center for the Arts

190 schools

80,000 students

10 Visionaries

\$75,000 over 5 years

Matched dollar for dollar



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We're in – *are you*?

AcA envisions an Acadiana where young people have art and culture embedded in their education, serving as a homegrown example of national innovation and academic success.

Standardized test scores, teacher retention, and mental wellness are significantly improved by arts integration according to multiple peer-reviewed studies. These creative learning strategies are also proven to reduce truancy and disciplinary referrals while enhancing educational outcomes and supporting student success.

AcA has led this innovative work successfully for 45 years in partnership with Lafayette Parish School System, and now we want to bring it to all of Acadiana as part of a \$1.5M expansion initiative, including **\$750,000 from ten Visionaries** and **\$750,000 from additional corporate and private funders.** School districts will commit funding from local and federal sources to continue the programs after the initial implementation.

But we need your help to get there.