



# Transforming lives through music mentorship

[artsmart.org](https://artsmart.org)



## MISSION

Founded in 2016, ArtSmart's mission is to transform the lives of youth in under-resourced communities across the US through tuition-free music lessons and mentorship by paid, professional artists.

ArtSmart has provided over 42,000 free music lessons to students across the United States. That's more than 30,000 hours of mentorship.

## WHO WE SERVE

- 92% of our students attend Title I schools
- 88% of students identify as Black, Indigenous and People of Color
- 43% identify as LGBTQ+
- Over \$1.4 million has been paid to our mentoring artists



"ArtSmart mentors help their students in so many ways beyond just music. They help them with social experiences, adjusting to being high schoolers, and having responsibilities."

—Michelle Frank, choir director



"The most important thing to me about my lessons is having something constant. It is so wonderful to have something that I can rely on every week, someone I am always able to talk to... Someone who always cares about me. It is amazing to have that kind of person in your life."

—Kathryn M, student



# PROGRAMS

Over a 28-week program year, ArtSmart provides evidence-based music mentorship to help students develop life skills beneficial beyond the classroom.

## ONE-TO-ONE MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

- Individualized instruction from highly-qualified artist-mentors through private voice and instrumental lessons
- Explore diverse repertoire
- Develop a healthy self-image
- Spark intrinsic motivation to continue in their artistic journey and excel academically

## VOCAL THEATER PROGRAM

- Small groups of three paired with one mentor
- Create original theatrical piece with music and dialogue
- Explore social issues and personal values through team-building exercises, acting, and singing lessons
- Learn to express oneself creatively and develop artistically
- Develop transferable skills in teamwork and communication

## PERFORMANCE OPPORTUNITIES

- Mid-year studio performance with ArtSmart peers and mentors
- End-of-year performance open to the public, friends, and family

# WHY ARTSMART?

Creating pathways to academic, financial, and emotional stability through music mentorship



### Access to Music Education

80% of families in the program say that without ArtSmart, they would not be able to afford private music lessons.



### Empowerment and Personal Growth

For each year that a student participates in ArtSmart, their belief in their own talent increases.



### Mentorship and Role Models

ArtSmart students show a statistically significant increase in developing a meaningful connection with an adult at school



### Emotional and Mental Well-Being

83% of students say music lessons have had a positive impact on their mental health.



### Academic Success

100% of ArtSmart's 2022 graduating class completed high school, and 90% went on to college.



### Breaking Barriers and Fostering

#### Diversity

By engaging youth from under-resourced communities, ArtSmart breaks down barriers of access to arts education, amplifying voices from all backgrounds in the arts community. 52% of graduating students go on to study the arts in college.

# BRING ARTSMART TO YOUR SCHOOL

Reach out to a regional coordinator for further information about bringing ArtSmart to your community.



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**YOUR REGIONAL COORDINATOR**

