KID smART Milestones 2014–2015

4,608 Students were in KID smART classrooms
544 Teachers participated in KID smART professional development programs

11 New Orleans Schools hosted KID smART’s Artist in the Classroom (AIC) & Arts Experiences in Schools (AXIS) programs.

In the AIC program teaching artists and collaborating classroom teachers co-plan and co-teach units with objectives in both the art form and content area.

Impact on Students

97% of teachers saw their students develop creativity & imagination through KID smART

80% of teachers
100% of school leaders confirmed that students improved critical thinking & problem solving skills

80% of students proved proficient in academic content

95% of PreK-2nd grade students said they enjoyed learning & had fun in the KID smART program

84% of students demonstrated proficiency in social emotional literacy including collaboration, communication, & expression

“I feel like our schools have these very regimented schedules, and to have time in the day where students can sit down & be creative, I think that that is super therapeutic & really good.” ~ KID smART Teacher

“My students gained a deeper knowledge of the lesson when arts were integrated into the lesson.” ~ KID smART teacher

93% of teachers reported increased depth of learning

100% of administrators & 94% of teachers reported that student engagement improved as a result of the KID smART partnership
Impact on Teachers

91% of teachers reported an increase in the quality, intentionality, & relevance of arts integrated instruction in their classrooms

85% of teachers saw their students construct and demonstrate their learning through an art form

82% of school leaders reported a noticeable increase in student voices and open-ended questions

I really valued seeing teachers from different schools & teaching artists bringing their expertise into a classroom setting.
- KID smART Teacher

100% of school leaders and 98% of teachers would recommend KID smART to a colleague!

91% of school leaders noted an improvement in their teachers’ attitudes toward learning and teaching as well as their ability to strengthen the classroom community.
92% of their teachers agree!

"KID smART brought a lot of joy to my classroom. It allowed my [special needs] students to show their understanding of core content in a different form. My students were always very excited when they knew [the KID smART Teaching Artist] was coming."
- KID smART Teacher

"It will change the way you teach! Learning how to incorporate the arts within the curriculum makes teaching more enjoyable for the teacher & makes learning more enjoyable for the students."
- KID smART Teacher

Impact on the Field

KID smART is proud of the following projects completed in 2014-15.
Additional information is available online at www.kidsmart.org.

Any Given Child - a city-wide planning process to ensure access and equity to an education that includes high quality, culturally relevant arts education for all New Orleans children was coordinated by KID smART. 29 meetings were conducted engaging 1200 stakeholders. Plan available at www.kidsmart.org.

KID smART completed the third year of the Model Schools Program, working with three schools to recreate comprehensive arts integration through the support of planning with school teams and coaching.

Teaching Artist Training was conducted in collaboration with five local arts organizations serving 42 artists who gained additional skills for working in educational settings.

With Feeling - curriculum to increase students social emotional literacy was created and posted free on line for grades K – 4 and piloted for grades 5 - 8 (posted in fall 2015)

42 professional development workshops for teachers were presented throughout the region and in the New Orleans area.

Data Sources:
Teacher, Student, and School Leader Surveys,
Student Skill Development Sheets, Teacher Focus Groups

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