

Saint Martin Parish Schools and Acadiana Center for the Arts Launch Comprehensive Arts Education Partnership

Breaux Bridge, LA – The Saint Martin Parish School District is proud to announce a new partnership with the Acadiana Center for the Arts (AcA).

Through this collaboration, schools in the district will receive:

- On-site professional performances

Saint Martin STEAM Academies will additionally receive:

- In-classroom sessions with teaching artists
- Access to online visual and performing arts lessons
- Professional development workshops for educators

“This partnership helps the youth of today fall in love with the music and culture that makes this region great,” said Fred Wiltz, Superintendent of Saint Martin Parish Schools. “We are excited to work with AcA to bring these experiences to St. Martin Parish students.”

This also provides specialized experiences tailored for our STEAM Magnet Academies. These sessions integrate the arts with subjects like Science, Social Studies, Math and English. Saint Martin Parish is the fourth district to join the initiative, following Lafayette, St. Landry, and Vermilion Parishes.

“We believe the arts are essential to learning and development,” said Samuel Oliver, Executive Director of the Acadiana Center for the Arts. “From improved academic performance to better attendance, the arts create lasting impact in schools and communities.”

Students who wish to move from introductory experiences to a more unique and robust STEAM curriculum have the option to apply to the St. Martin STEAM Magnet Academies.

In the current school year, AcA will bring 150 performances into schools across Acadiana, at no cost to the students, overcoming common barriers to access like cost or transportation. This initiative is made possible in part by The Visionaires, a donor group of the Community Foundation of Acadiana, who champion the belief that every child deserves access to arts in education.

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