



RURAL ARTS EDUCATION

The purpose of the program is to provide a first of its kind hybrid (in person and online), TEKS aligned art education to students in the Benavides ISD

Art Center of Corpus Christi



ART CENTER OF CORPUS CHRISTI

The mission of the Art Center of Corpus Christi is twofold: To be the principal creative and educational center for the arts and to contribute to the growth of a vibrant art community.



ART CENTER PROGRAMS

EXHIBITS

*Laguna Madre Artist in Residence
Solo Opportunities
Group Shows
Juried/Non Juried Calls for Entry*

EDUCATION

*Workshops
Summer Camps
Family Art Time
Rural Arts Education*

COMMUNITY

*Portrait Group
KidsWalk
Farmers Market
Open Studio*

Art Center programs exist to provide creative space to artists and keep the community engaged with the arts.



BENAVIDES ISD

Benavides Independent School District serves a small, rural student population of approximately 190 students in Duval County, Texas. Benavides lies between the cities of Corpus Christi and Laredo.





FILLING THE GAPS IN EDUCATION

After learning that Benavides ISD had to cut its only art educator in the district, the Art Center of Corpus Christi stepped up and provided TEKS aligned art education for all students in the district.





PREVENTS LOSS OF ARTS ACCESS

The program fills a critical gap that schools cannot support alone by providing the district's only art education and bringing students to the Art Center for gallery tours and hands-on projects. With committed partners and a sustainable model, this initiative has the potential to become a long-term anchor for arts education in the region.





HOW THE PROGRAM WORKS

Rural Arts Program take an integrated approach to delivering classroom work, real world experience and exposure to creative workforce skills.



Aaron Romo, a former Disney animation artist with over 30 years of experience, leads an art project during a field trip.



01

Field Trips

students will get a tour of the galleries, the clay studio, and complete an art project

02

Workshops

artist demos taught by professional artists that teach applicable art skills

03

Art I Credit

High School credit that will integrate graphic design using Adobe Suite.



PARTNERS

Communities in School: provides student scholarships for field trip transportation, ensuring more learners can experience the arts firsthand.

Del Mar College: expands digital learning and connectivity, increasing access to quality arts education both in person and online.

Artist Community: Local artist will host interactive field trips, giving students the chance to see creativity in action.





TARGET AUDIENCE

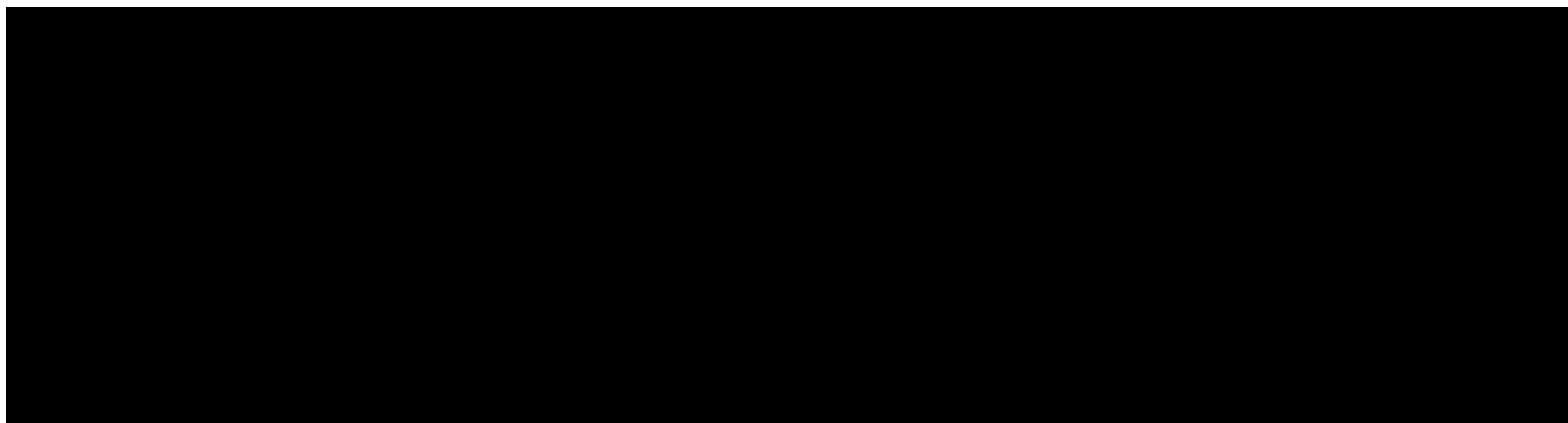
The district's enrollment is predominantly Hispanic (about 78.5%), with roughly 76.9% of students identified as economically disadvantaged and about 19.6% participating in bilingual or English language learning programs.



Elementary Students

Middle School Students

High School Students



CONNECT COMMUNITIES. INSPIRE YOUNG MINDS

This program is a rare opportunity to transform arts access in a rural community by creating a continuous pathway from early childhood exposure to high school education.

