Education Programs

Our programming inspires youth of all ages and abilities to grow as artists and innovators. We provide quality, year-round education in acting, musical theatre, dance, and filmmaking in an inclusive and welcoming environment.

4,489

students from MCPS Title 1 schools and DCPS schools received theatre tickets, materials, transportation, and professional development, all free of charge. 34

MCPS and DCPS schools participated in Learning Through Theatre.

175

students at DCPS's Bancroft and Houston ES who benefited from having Imagination Stage teachers in their classroom daily.

It is difficult to find organizations that feel like a community, as **Imagination Stage does. I appreciate** the diverse communities that attend programming; the teachers and the staff are so receptive to different cultures, languages, and feedback. Classes and shows are always age appropriate - it is evidence that the staff understands children, their interests, and their attention spans. **Imagination Stage's level of** preparedness and quality is high. No other programming invests in family and educators as much as Imagination Stage."

-- Imagination Stage parent





Learning Through Theatre

Learning Through Theatre (LTT) uses theatre to deliver multi-faceted, curriculum-based educational programming to low-income Montgomery County Public School and DC Public School students. LTT develops a tailored Theatre Arts Integration Guide for teachers to create lesson plans and activities. Tickets, materials, transportation, and teacher professional development are provided free of charge to all participants.



80% of DCPS students were attending a theatre performance for the first time.



On-Site Classes

We offer arts classes, camps, training, and performing ensembles for young people of all abilities at our Bethesda headquarters. Our offerings are designed for ages 1-18, and range from acting, musical theatre, and dance to digital media. In 2021-2022, we offered 400 distinct education programs, including in-person summer camps.



11% of those who attended our classes were students with cognitive, developmental or physical disabilities.



In-School Residencies

Our residencies bring teaching artists into schools, where they use arts integration techniques to support specific educational topics – from language arts to math and life sciences – tailored to the individual school and classroom. Our workshops develop social-emotional and life skills, such as communication, collaboration, perspective taking, and creative problem-solving.



Many of our in-school residencies took place in Title I schools and special education classrooms.