



# ARKANSAS LEARNING *through the* ARTS



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## ALTTA Embeds new Arkansas G.U.I.D.E. for Life Standards

The Arkansas Dept. of Education Division of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) has identified five guiding principles that support educators, business leaders, communities, and students in their efforts to help all Arkansans develop these critical skills. The principles represent skills needed to thrive at home, school, on the job, and in the community.

The G.U.I.D.E. for Life program, with the support of Arkansas counselors and educators, is designed to give K-12 students a plan – a five-step process – that they can follow to achieve personal success. Each principle is summarized in easy-to-understand key words, with three action points to explain the idea. By incorporating the G.U.I.D.E. for Life concepts throughout the school experience, we can help instill these “real-world” skills for success in all Arkansas students. The result? Well-rounded citizens, stronger communities, and more effective employees.

New and revised ALTTA programming is in the works for the fall of 2021. These efforts have resulted in ALTTA being listed as a resource by the DESE that has gone to all schools in Arkansas.



## Examples of new and revised ALTTA G.U.I.D.E programs:

**Feeling Good Visual Arts Program** offered by Jeri Hillis: Kindergarten – Grade 1, students describe how color and images in works of art can evoke emotions and create a self-portrait that reflects their feelings. Specifically tied to **UNDERSTANDING: (KNOW YOURSELF)**.



**Hamilton – Who Tells Your Story? Theatre Arts Program** offered by Lanie Carlson: Designed for grades 4-6, students discuss the innovative staging of the musical, Hamilton, and explore the different perspectives of Alexander Hamilton and Aaron Burr. Specifically tied to **DECISIONS: (MAKE RESPONSIBLE CHOICES)**.



**Poetry Reflects Life Poetry Program** offered by Kai Coggin: Middle and High School students explore poetry of diverse contemporary and historically important poets, using what they learn to express and share their own experiences. Specifically tied to **EMPATHY (BE AWARE OF OTHERS)**.

## SAVE THE DATE!

## POETRY IN MOTION!

Special Dinner and Program  
NOVEMBER 9 AT 5:45 PM  
HOT SPRINGS COUNTRY CLUB

WITH HONORED GUEST SPEAKER  
FIRST LADY SUSAN HUTCHISON

Showcasing Teaching Artists, Poet Kal Coggin and  
Dancer Amy Bramlett Turner and the Hot Springs Dance Troupe.  
Sponsorships are \$1,000 and include a dinner table for eight.



### American Rescue Plan Funding Available

Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (“ARP ESSER”) Fund, authorized under the American Rescue Plan provides nearly \$122 billion to States to support the Nation’s schools in safely reopening and sustaining safe operations of schools while meeting the academic, social, emotional, and mental health needs of students resulting from the coronavirus disease 2019 (“COVID-19”) pandemic.

The most pressing priorities for the 2021-22 school year identified in the Arkansas Plan submitted earlier this month are student mental and emotional health and loss of instructional time due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Arkansas Department of Elementary and Secondary Education will encourage schools to analyze different types of data such as attendance, discipline, grades, formative and summative assessment results, etc. to identify groups who might have suffered the most during the pandemic. ALTTA programming is being developed to address students’ needs.

### Crayons to Canvas at Mid-America Science Museum

**Go see** the incredible collaboration of artist Longhua Xu and his grandson Han Xu in the Museum’s Special Exhibition Gallery. Xu’s **Crayons to Canvas** has hands-on learning for children.

ALTTA board members Dorothy Morris and Martha Smither admire a Longhua’s ‘canvas’ inspired by a work of his 6 year old grandson. Exhibit will run through September 5. Don’t miss this fun collaboration.



## REPORT CARD FOR 2020-2021

### Arkansas Learning Through The Arts (ALTTA):

- Reached over **2000 students** in 10 schools in Garland and Phillips counties despite COVID restrictions. Approximately one third of the programs were delivered virtually.
- Partnered with Hot Springs/Hot Springs Village Symphony Guild and Arkansas Symphony Orchestra to develop curriculum materials for the ASO Children’s Concert and ASO ArtsPartners string quartets.
- Offered **over 50 unique workshops**, spanning PreK – 12th grades
- Contracted with 8 Professional Teaching Artists to work with students in classrooms.
- Completed **ten sets of three videos** for use in schools where students were working from home.
- Contracted for an assessment using student data performed by an education assessment consultant.

### PRIORITIES FOR 2021 – 2022

#### Expansion plans:

- Resume programming in existing school at pre-pandemic levels.
- Introduce ALTTA to 10 new schools and/or school districts in Central Arkansas and in the Delta

## FEDERAL AND STATE FUNDING REMAINS A LIFE-LINE FOR ALTTA AND SCHOOLS

### ALTTA has received support through:

1. PPP I and II funding via the CARES Act has enabled ALTTA to pay for three employees through FY21 and not have to furlough them.
2. Arkansas Arts Council has provided funding from the CARES Act via the National Endowment for the Arts and is likely to continue into the next fiscal year.
3. The Arkansas Economic Development Commission provided funding for videos.
4. The Arkansas Community Foundation has provided grants to support operations.

## Help Wanted In The DELTA Region!!

Arkansas Learning Through The Arts is currently seeking a **Full Time Program Manager** in the Delta Region (centrally located) to assume the following responsibilities:

Support our mission to inspire young people and expand their learning through the arts.

Work with schools and teaching artists to schedule programs that fit school needs.

Manage program evaluation process.

Communicate through the media about activities in the Delta.

Represent ALTTA in the community.

Bachelor's Degree preferred with excellent organizational and time managements skills along with strong competency with Microsoft Office, particularly Excel. Send resume to:

[arkansaslta@gmail.com](mailto:arkansaslta@gmail.com) or call Craig Welle at 214-676-0222

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