

Information about the Alliance Project

THE ALLIANCE PROJECT

For 21 years, the Scientific and Cultural Collaborative (SCC), a membership of arts, culture and science organizations, has provide educational outreach partnering with teachers in creating curriculum applications and learning opportunities for students.



DMNS Heart Lab



Swallow Hill Music Drumming Assembly



School Bulletin Board

Using funds from the Scientific and Cultural Facilities District (SCFD) tax gathered from the 7 metro counties, 32 arts, cultural and scientific organizations have established joint funding to schools. The Alliance Project, now in its 21st year, selects one public school in each county for a one-year residency.

Schools receive programming from these SCC organizations: Arvada Center for the Arts and Humanities, Bird Conservancy of the Rockies, Butterfly Pavilion, Central City Opera, CherryArts, Children's Museum of Denver at Marsico Campus, City of Aurora Cultural Services Division, Clyfford Still Museum, Colorado Ballet, Colorado Chautauqua Association, Colorado Children's Chorale, Colorado Mountain Club, Colorado Railroad Museum, Colorado Symphony, Denver Art Museum, Denver Botanic Gardens, Denver Center for the Performing Arts, Denver Film Society, Denver Museum of Nature and Science, Denver Zoo, Lakewood Division of Heritage, Culture and the Arts, MACC –Mizel Arts and Culture Center, Mizel Museum, Museum of Contemporary Art – Denver, Opera Colorado, Swallow Hill Music, Town of Parker Arts, and Wings Over the Rockies Air and Space Museum

A team of interdisciplinary teachers (science, language arts, music, art, social science, etc.) request outreach, workshops, and field trips that would aid in reaching standards and curriculum for a segment of the school often a grade level of 150-180 students max.

- Team includes a cross-curricular educators who can request “standard” programs – field trips, assemblies or “unique” – created for the teacher.

The grant provides funding toward buses, subs, in-services, library support, admission costs, workshop leaders and other supplies to schools at the specific requests of teachers. When defining the Alliance Project, one student aptly replied: “It’s tax dollars at work in education.”

- Once selected the school will be asked to identify a Partner School (such as a feeder elementary or high school or lower grades if a K-8 or K-12) – the Partner will receive funding to participate with a contact teacher requesting programs for the Partner or participating at the middle school.
- Each Alliance Team receives over \$7,000 in services divided between the primary recipient and partner schools resulting in 20-27 individual activities)



What does the Alliance Project actually provide?

- The primary school who won the grant will usually receive between 15-20 activities: field trips, assemblies, in-school exhibits, workshops, classroom visits by professional artists, historians, scientists, naturalists, actors, singers, dancers, and others.
- The Partner School will have between 4-6 of their own events and be invited to suitable activities at the focus school.
- All schools receive up to \$100 for permanent library materials.
- Alliance contributes to the cost of buses and subs.
- Satellite Schools – generally smaller schools receive half the funding of full schools for the same type of programs

What type of programs can your school expect to receive?

Teachers request programs and the cultural organizations will make every effort to provide them. Find more at their websites.

- Town of Parker Arts – touring performances on science and theatre, art galleries and workshops
- Bird Conservancy of the Rockies – at Barr Lake, bird banding with nature activities
- MACC (Mizel Arts and Culture Center) – Workshops on cartooning, geometry in art, professional youth
- Denver Botanic Gardens – on their site or on your campus, field trips and workshops that reflect our physical world
- CO Railroad Museum – field trips to explore how railroads operate and their impact on American history
- Denver Art Museum – explore how world cultures, ancient and modern, are presented in art
- Swallow Hill Music – guest music instruction, assemblies on jazz, rhythm and multicultural art
- Museum of Contemporary Art – tour the MCA galleries of rotating exhibits
- Wings Over the Rockies Air & Space Museum – aviation exploration including history and space
- CherryArts – In-school exhibit, Mobile Art Gallery, of over 30 art pieces 2 weeks; students trained as docents
- Mizel Museum – Stories Rock! celebrating one's story; Holocaust Awareness; Judaic history and practice
- Arvada Center – workshops included printmaking, writing, poetry and performance skills
- Denver Film Society – field trips to Sie Film Center connecting your curriculum to great films
- Clyfford Still Museum – on-site tour and writing reflections of this American artist
- CO Chautauqua – tour of historic site and trailhead for park
- Central City Opera – assemblies "En Mis Palabras" bilingual assembly and others on westward expansion
- Lakewood Heritage, Culture and the Arts – tours with 20th Century; workshops on glass fusion, dance and pottery
- Opera Colorado – singers performed "Romeo and Juliet" and poetry, vocal workshops, and public speaking
- Denver Zoo – specialized tours at their site and visits with animal specimens on campus
- Children's Museum of Denver at Marsico Campus – on-site and on-campus activities for ages 1-8 grade
- Denver Center for the Performing Arts – workshops on the digestive system, the Periodic Table, and Civil War
- Butterfly Pavilion – "Bug Bites" with samples of bug snacks and tours onsite of natural wonders
- CO Symphony – professional master mentors coaching young musicians and Youth Concert at Boettcher Hall
- CO Children's Chorale – assemblies for and with students performing and assisting with choral groups
- Aurora Cultural Services – visual artists, professional writers, theatre experiences, history lessons
- Denver Museum of Nature and Science – special exhibits, understanding our place in nature, and our environment
- CO Ballet – field trip at the studios, student matinees, balance and motion workshops
- CO Mountain Club – orienteering exercise, teambuilding, slacklining and avalanche safety

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