“When the Washington Pavilion comes, you learn a lot, but you don’t really know it because you’re having fun.”
— Brianne, 6th Grade

“Science is fun because you get to do one thing and it turns into something else. Art is fun because I like creating new things.”
— Joaquin, 4th Grade

“We reach the kids that really need us the most.”
— Amber Lounsbery, Action Arts and Science Program Coordinator

“If they can experience something positive and experience success while they’re here, it will prepare them for more positive things to come.”
— Lynn Krell, Assistant Director at Minnehaha County Juvenile Detention Center

FAQs

**When did Washington Pavilion Action Arts and Science start?**
The Washington Pavilion Action Arts and Science program began in 1999 as a way for the Washington Pavilion to share its mission and the power of the arts with children and families beyond its walls.

**Who can participate in Washington Pavilion Action Arts and Science?**
Washington Pavilion Action Arts and Science is available to children who attend after-school programs at Title I schools in the Sioux Falls School District, plus partner youth service organizations such as the Multi-Cultural Center, the Bowden Youth Center and Youth Enrichment Services.

**What’s a Title I school?**
Title I schools receive financial assistance due to the high percentages of children from low-income families that attend. Assistance is calculated, in part, using the number of children who qualify for free and reduced cost lunch programs.

**How many children/locations does Washington Pavilion Action Arts and Science serve?**
Currently 500 children participate in the Washington Pavilion Action Arts and Science program each week during the school year. We bring our program to over 20 partner sites each week.

**What does it cost families to participate and how is the program funded?**
Thanks to the generosity of Washington Pavilion donors and a 21st Century Community Learning Center grant through the state Department of Education, this program is offered at no cost to families.

**Who teaches Washington Pavilion Action Arts and Science?**
The instructors for the Washington Pavilion Action Arts and Science classes include art teachers, science specialists, active and retired classroom teachers, and college students. Our instructors are passionate about mentoring youth and are skilled at facilitating hands-on learning.
The Washington Pavilion Action Arts and Science Program began in 1999 with a mission to bring high-quality art and science experiences to children with limited access to extracurricular activities. Today we engage and inspire more than 500 students at over 20 locations per week, and we’ve been recognized with the prestigious National Arts and Humanities Youth Program Award by the President’s Committee on the Arts and the Humanities, the nation’s highest honor for after-school art and humanities programs.

Action Arts and Science Inspires Students

Our Children Thrive
Hands-on learning through arts and science transcends language and culture, and inspires our diverse community.

Mentorship Matters
Washington Pavilion instructors bring unique and inspiring possibilities to students every week, where they discover and explore new subjects in a safe and creative space.

Unique Learning
From mural painting to parachute design, pottery creation to volcanic eruptions through chemistry, the Action Arts and Science Program brings fun to learning.

Real-World Skills
Collaboration, communication, creativity, problem solving and analysis are critical to preparing students for our dynamic, changing world. The hands-on projects the students engage in have the unique ability to develop these important skills.

We Empower
The Washington Pavilion Action Arts and Science Program empowers students to take on challenges. This has a positive impact on the students as individuals and benefits the Sioux Falls community, now and into the future.

We Didn’t Do It On Our Own
Of course, we haven’t been able to make this program what it is today without the generous support of donors like you.

Contribute
If you would like to help us continue bringing the arts and science to children through a donation, please visit PavGive.org or call 605-367-7397 extension 2311.

Teach
We are always looking for qualified educators and committed volunteers. To inquire about teaching or volunteer opportunities, please visit www.washingtonpavilion.org or call 605-367-7397 extension 2326.

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