



Enriching Student Learning

One Field Trip at a Time

ArtsBusXpress

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OUR MISSION

Since our inception in 2002, ArtsBusXpress has been dedicated to enriching student learning one field trip at a time.

We support teachers to empower student learning by raising funds to pay for the cost of field trip experiences.

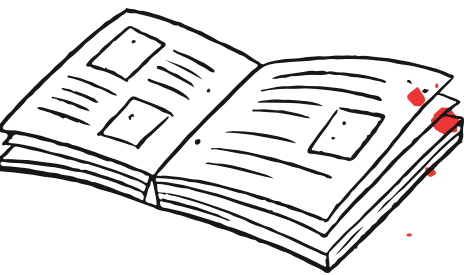
ArtsBusXpress (ABX) is the only organization in San Diego County that provides financial awards to any K-12 public or charter school teacher to help cover or offset the cost of bus transportation to and from field trip destinations.

We also fund outreach opportunities where educators from museums and science centers visit classrooms and virtual programs.

Since 2002, ABX has impacted the lives of over 200,000 students county-wide!

We prioritize funding teachers who work in under-resourced Title I schools. About 85% of our funding serves this community specifically!

Our impact has been so significant that San Diego County designated November 10th ArtsBusXpress Day!



THE IMPORTANCE OF FIELD TRIPS

Think back to your school field trips. Perhaps you visited a museum and saw your first mummy, mammoth, or Monet. Or maybe it was a simple trek to the sea where you learned about the fascinating coastal environment.

Field trips are an integral part of K-12 education. They are examples of experiential and informal learning or learning that occurs away from a structured, formal classroom environment.

“Field trips offer an opportunity to motivate and connect students... which increase a student’s knowledge foundation, promoting further learning and higher-level thinking strategies.”

International Journal of
Environmental & Science Education



To learn more about the importance of field trips in K-12 education, follow these links:

▶ [A Review on School Field Trips and Their Value in Education](#)

▶ [The Case for Culturally Enriching Field Trips](#)

▶ [Yes, Field Trips are Worth the Effort](#)



THE NEED FOR FIELD TRIP FUNDING IN SAN DIEGO

There are about 500,000 K-12 students attending public and charter schools in San Diego County. Out of these, about 235,000 or 47% are underserved students attending Title I schools.

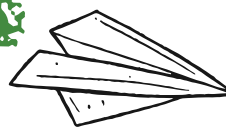
NEARLY HALF OF ALL SAN DIEGO K-12 PUBLIC AND CHARTER SCHOOL STUDENTS RECEIVE A FREE OR REDUCED FEE LUNCH

It costs about **\$25.00** to send a single student on a field trip. While many of the museums, science/environmental centers, theaters, zoos, and aquariums can reduce or waive the fee for these students, that still leaves the issue of how to transport them to and from the various locations.

This is where ABX comes in. We are often referred to as the “missing link” because we provide the funding to cover the cost of bus transportation. Without our financial assistance to teachers, many of these students would not be able to participate in rich and varied field trip experiences available in San Diego County.



2022-23 SCHOOL YEAR SNAPSHOT



▶ ABX has served over 200,000 students since 2002

During the 2022-23 school year:

- ▶ ABX enabled 12,791 students attending 97 different schools in 24 separate districts to a field trip experience
- ▶ 6,296 students attended a field trip for the first time
- ▶ Students visited 36 different venues on 171 buses
- ▶ 86% of participating students are underserved (Title 1)
- ▶ ABX awarded \$128,298.42 to teachers throughout the county



Second Graders from La Mesa Dale Elementary School on a visit to the San Diego Zoo!

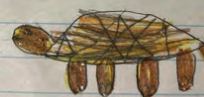
"I love going to the zoo because I get to really see the animals instead of just a picture!"

"This is the best day of my life!"

Dear Arts Bus Xpress
Thank you so much. At the zoo I got to pet a tortoise for the very first time. Your company must be awesome.

Sincerely,

Lucille



TESTIMONIALS



5th Graders from Otay Ranch Academy dissecting a fish at the Birch Aquarium

Collaborating with partners such as ArtsBusXpress as we have in years past has helped us to expand our reach even further to students who are the most in need.



Emily A.

Manager of Youth & Community Programs, Birch Aquarium



On a field trip to the San Diego Maritime Museum

Students enjoyed learning about the history of San Diego Bay and doing the field tests out on the pilot boat. These students have not been on a field trip in three years. Many have never been out of Imperial Beach. They loved being on the boats and out on the bay. Thank you for giving us this opportunity!"



Ms. Sherry S.

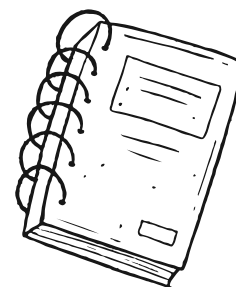
Fifth Grade Teacher, Bayside Steam Academy



I want to thank ArtsBusXpress for being so kind to provide Preuss with that field trip because it supported me in becoming a more experienced person and working within a team who valued the same things I value.

Angelina

Student



ArtsBusXpress has brought arts and culture to the school children of San Diego. I truly believe exposing these children at an early age to arts, culture and science can make a difference in their future, expanding their minds and creativity.

Lisa Wilson

ABX Donor



**RICE FAMILY
FOUNDATION**



PARTNERSHIP LEVELS

Support a Classroom
for One Year

\$1000.00



Support a Grade Level
for One Year

\$2500.00

Support Field Trips to the Museum
of Your Choice for One Year

\$5000.00

Support a School
for One Year

\$10,000.00

Support a District
for One Year

\$20,000.00

For more information about partnering
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