

MARYLAND STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
Division of Student, Family and School Support
State Aided Educational Institutions
Program Overview



The Maryland State Department of Education provides annual grants to non-profit organizations to provide enriching educational programs that cannot be replicated in the classroom. Collectively, these programs are known as the State Aided Educational Institutions Program (SAI). The organizations provide engaging, hands-on, experiential learning opportunities that support the State's curricular and educational goals and priorities.

Presently, forty-two programs are funded across the State. Grant recipients include:

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| Alice Ferguson Foundation, Inc. | Maryland Academy of Sciences/Maryland Science Center |
| Alliance of Southern Prince George's Communities | Maryland Historical Museum |
| American Visionary Art Museum | Maryland Humanities |
| B&O Railroad Museum | Maryland Leadership Workshops |
| Baltimore Chesapeake Bay Outward Bound School | JHU APL Maryland Mathematics, Engineering and Science Achievement |
| Baltimore Museum of Industry | Maryland Zoo in Baltimore |
| Baltimore Symphony Orchestra | Museum of Ceramic Art |
| Best Buddies | National Aquarium in Baltimore |
| Calvert Marine Museum | National Great Blacks In Wax Museum |
| Chesapeake Bay Foundation | NorthBay |
| Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum | Olney Theatre Center for the Arts |
| Citizenship Law-Related Education Program | Parks & People Foundation |
| CollegeBound Foundation | Port Discovery Children's Museum |
| Dyslexia Tutoring Program | Salisbury Zoo |
| Echo Hill Outdoor School | South Baltimore Learning Center |
| Fire Museum of Maryland | Sultana Education Foundation |
| Historic Sotterley | Village Learning Place |
| Imagination Stage | Walters Art Museum |
| The Jewish Museum of Maryland | Ward Museum of Wildfowl Art |
| Junior Achievement of Central Maryland | YMCA of Central Maryland/State Mentoring Resource Center |
| Living Classrooms Foundation | Young Audiences of Maryland, Inc. |

These institutions provide opportunities that emphasize experiential learning and one-on-one support services. Services include, but are not limited to, free or reduced admission, full-day and residential fieldtrips with hands-on activities, mentoring, and tutoring. In many cases, pre- and post- visit activities for teachers are used to connect the experiences to the classroom curriculum. Programs also provide continued follow-up to experiential activities through internet activities. Professional development opportunities for teachers that link the SAI programs with the classroom are also available.

Monitoring of the SAI programs includes on-site visits by MSDE staff, a mid-year progress report, and a final program report that verifies services provided.

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