



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS: CURRICULUM SUPPORT

1. Which State of Ohio curriculum standards does *Kids Love Musicals!* support?

Kids Love Musicals! (KLM) residencies support four of Ohio's ten English Language Arts Academic Content Standards for Kindergarten and Grades 1-3. Standards supported through the program are:

- Acquisition of Vocabulary
- Reading Applications: Informational, Technical and Persuasive Text
- Reading Applications: Literary Text
- Communication: Oral and Visual

In addition to ELA standards, numerous K-3 Fine Arts Academic Content Standards in Music, Dance and Theater/Drama are supported through KLM.

2. Can you be more specific?

Absolutely. We can provide the English Language Arts benchmarks and indicators—by grade level—that each KLM program supports. Please contact The Musical Theater Project at 216.529.9411 or at info@MusicalTheaterProject.org to request this information.

3. Who evaluated *Kids Love Musicals!* for Academic Content Standards support?

KLM was created, piloted and evaluated by a planning team of Northeast Ohio-area artists and educators. The analysis of English Language Arts Academic Content Standards was conducted by certified teachers with significant experience in both private and public schools.

4. Why does *Kids Love Musicals!* focus specifically on students in grades K-3?

Our research shows that there is a lack of substantive artist-in-residence experiences for students in grades K-3. At this formative age, students are most often exposed to performing arts through a one-time-only assembly setting, limiting the chance for one-on-one interaction with the artist(s). KLM's two-day residency format allows teachers and students to build on learning concepts over time and work directly with the teaching artist in the classroom.

5. Is *Kids Love Musicals!* appropriate for students with special needs?

Yes. The highly participatory nature of KLM lends itself to special-needs classrooms. Our teaching artist work with schools and teachers to adapt KLM lesson plans as necessary.

6. Why should I include *Kids Love Musicals!* in my classroom?

There is growing evidence to support the importance of the arts in “educating the whole child.” Additionally, the arts are defined as a “core subject area” in the Federal No Child Left Behind legislation. Visit www.keepartsinschools.org for more details on why the arts are an essential part of every child's educational experience. Visit the Arts Education Partnership at www.aep-arts.org for information on arts education research and state policies.