



The Owensboro Public Schools, along with RiverPark Center and Daviess County Schools are honored to have a national partnership with the John F. Kennedy Center in Washington D.C., called Partners in Education. The mission of Partners in Education is to foster partnerships among arts organizations, schools, and communities. The Partners in Education program is designed to assist arts organizations throughout the nation to develop or expand educational partnerships with their local school systems.

The primary purpose of these school/community partnerships is to promote the professional development of teachers. The Kennedy Center is a leader in Arts education and Arts integration. They have developed a staff of trained “teaching artists” that collaborate with the Washington D.C. schools. This has allowed them the opportunity to do research on the benefits of teaching in and through the Arts.

They hold an annual conference for their partners to receive “cutting edge” information and training. Their “teaching artists” are also available to the partners for “on-site” training. RiverPark Center has hosted several Kennedy Center artists who have provided professional development sessions for area classroom teachers and Arts specialists.