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CREC Museum Academy is one of only six schools in the country chosen to host a national team of leaders from the National Association of Museum Schools (NAMS) in a project to build a first-of-its-kind library of best practices for schools across the country.

As a leader in the museum-school community, CREC Museum Academy is a rich source for ideas, strategies and tactics that NAMS plans to share with its educators nationwide. Exploratory teams will examine each school's teaching initiatives, partnership structures, leadership strategies and the integration of museum style learning with classroom lessons. Each school's creative tactics, successful strategies and proven models will be compiled into a comprehensive best practices field guide for museum model learning.

An innovative, hands-on, experiential approach, museum education is spreading, with more than 50 schools in 15 states now adopting the successful model. In partnering with history, art and science museums, zoos, aquariums, gardens and environmental institutes, museum schools foster intellectual exploration and discovery by giving young people the chance to dig in, dive in and step into the roles of the people, places and subjects they study.

Other schools selected as host sites for the pioneer NAMS project include Arkansas Arts Academy in Rogers, Ark.; Dos Pueblos Engineering Academy in Goleta, Calif.; Grand Rapids Public Museum School in Grand Rapids, Mich.; Miami Children's Museum Charter School in Miami, Fla.; and Normal Park Museum Magnet School, in Chattanooga, Tenn.

#### About NAMS

Founded in 2014, the National Association of Museum Schools ([link to https://www.museumschools.org](https://www.museumschools.org)) is the anchor that connects educators and museum professionals around the country. NAMS is dedicated to expanding the successful museum model to more classrooms and schools. Our schools partner with countless museums and organizations to bring learning to life for a diverse group of P-12 students.