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### Hiawatha Elementary Selected for Pilot Program

(KNZA)--Hiawatha Elementary School is among two Kansas schools selected to participate in a pilot program.

The Kansas Creative Arts Industries Commission and the Kansas Alliance for the Arts in Education have named Hiawatha Elementary and Cheney High School to take part in the Kansas A+ School Pilot program for the 2015-2016 school year.

The A+ model supports the development of creative schools, using the arts as a catalyst for learning.

The two Kansas organizations will be working with Oklahoma A+ schools, a member of the A+ School National Consortium, in the development of the Kansas pilot project.

Hiawatha USD 415 Superintendent Dr. Penny Hargrove says the district expects the A+ process to create an educational environment where student excitement about learning will mean an increase in academic achievement.

Kansas Creative Arts Industries Commission Chairman Larry Meeker says the A+ school model has delivered excellent results for other schools in the region, and believes it's an ideal time to bring the project to Kansas.

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