

Community Involvement

Lead by our first-year teachers, during the spring of 2023 students participated a very successful food drive. AIM (Anderson Interfaith Ministries) was the recipient of all donated food.

Staff and students raised \$7,436 for the United Way surpassing our 2022-2023 goal by \$4,186. In the fall of 2022, Grade 2 teachers and students initiated "Warming up Anderson" sock drive by creating a video asking other classes to donate new socks to the needy. The sock drive was a HUGE success!

CALHOUN PTO

Calhoun has an active and involved PTO. The PTO raises money that directly supports many school activities, classroom instruction, and students. PTO also provides volunteer hours for the school, including eating lunch with classes, and preparing materials for teachers.



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2022-2023 Annual School Improvement Council Report to Parents

Calhoun Academy of the Arts

Our Arts Partnerships





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An Arts-Integrated Approach to Learning

At Calhoun Academy of the Arts, it is our belief that all students can and will learn by bringing the curriculum to life through an art-integrated approach, that students become active and engaged participants in the learning process, and that students develop motivation for learning early in their academic career. We believe an arts-integrated approach implemented by our faculty and staff improves students' ability to learn and remember through active engagement and connection with the arts.

At Calhoun, students have the opportunity to participate in visual art, music, dance, theatre, and strings in which the general curriculum is reinforced and further brought to life. Homeroom teachers teach art concepts and standards through integration strategies as they teach the general curriculum, giving all students an opportunity to make connections and experience success.

In addition to experiences to support academic success, all classrooms at all grade levels have the opportunity to perform on the "big stage" during Calhoun's yearly school-wide production where students display their talents and learning. During the 2022-2023 school year, all Calhoun students participated in Frozen Kids viewed by over 2,900 ticket holders.



Our Vision

To promote academic success and lifelong learning for all students through an arts-infused education.

Our Mission

To educate students by utilizing effective and meaningful teaching strategies with arts integration so students will be prepared for their future and positively contribute to their community

Progress toward Academic Achievement and Growth

Calhoun Academy of the Arts 2018-2019 through 2022-2023 Academic Strategic Plan Goals

Goal One: In the academic area of ELA, Calhoun will increase 10 percentage points over the next five years.

Goal Two: In the academic area of Math, Calhoun will increase 10 percentage points over the next five years.

Goal Three: In the academic areas of Science (Preparing for Success), Grade 4 students will increase 10 percentage points over the next five years.

Goal Four: In the area of student growth, the Percentage of Students' Overall Progress Points Earned, Calhoun students will increase 10 percentage points over the next five years.

Results from South Carolina SCReady and SC PASS Testing

Calhoun Spring 2022 – Overall Performance	
Content Area	% Exceeds & Meets
English Language Arts	46.3%
Mathematics	46.7%
SCPASS Science (Grade 4)	44.8%
Progress Points Earned	28.3%
Calhoun Spring 2021 – Overall Performance	
Content Area	% Exceeds & Meets
English Language Arts	37%
Mathematics	42.6%
SCPASS Science (Grade 4)	37.6%%
Progress Points Earned	N/A due to COVID-19
Comparison to Anderson Five Scores Spring 2022— Overall Performance	
Content Area	% Exceeds & Meets
English Language Arts	49%
Mathematics	45.4%
SCPASS Science (Grade 4)	45.2%
Progress Points Earned	56.5%