

## Our Vision

- Maintain a full time arts faculty in music, art, dram, and dance.
- Implement standard-based instruction
- Provide all students with the opportunity to participate and excel in the arts
- Serve as a teaching model within the arts community for educators and supporters of the arts

## NCCAE At-A-Glance

- A Title 1 School
- Pre K to Grade 5
- Student Enrollment: 480
- Administrative Staff: 2
- Certified Staff:
- Teaching Assistants: 9

## School Improvement Council

Brandi Aycock, Chairperson  
Melissa McCants, Vice Chairperson  
Anne-Marie Murphy, Principal  
Theresa Ruff, Interim AP  
Niki Smith, Parent Advocate

## Our Affiliations



artsNOW



ABC PROJECT  
Arts in Basic  
Curriculum



## **NCCAES**

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# North Charleston

## Creative Arts

# Elementary School

*Where the arts and academics meet!*

A Title 1 School



## Our Mission

To incorporate the fine and performing arts as primary pathways to increase engagement and build a nurturing environment.

Anne-Marie Murphy, Principal  
Theresa Ruff, Interim Assistant  
Principal

### Opportunities for Students

- Arts integrated curriculum in all grade levels to promote engagement and support student learning
- Array of performing and fine arts based classes
  - Visual Arts
  - Music
  - Drama
  - Dance
  - Creative Writing
- One-to-One School (iPads K-1; Chromebooks 3-5)
- Arts Integration partnerships with Engaging Creative Minds and ArtsNOW
- Guest Artist Program
- Morning News Production Team
- Family Vision Nights
- Community field trips



### Opportunities for Families and the Community

- Title 1 Schoolwide PD
- School Improvement Council
- Parent Coffee and Conversations
- Parent Workshops
- Family Vision Nights
- Faculty and Family Walking Club
- Parent Volunteer Opportunities
- Produce Distributions



### Teacher of the Year



Mr. Juan Ruiz, Grade 5

### MAP Testing Data

<u>Fall 2021 MAP Reading</u>				
Grade	3rd	4th	5th	
Met/ Exceeds	39.90%	26.20%	18.20%	
Approaching	19.20%	23%	50%	

<u>Fall 2021 MAP Math</u>				
Grade	3rd	4th	5th	
Met/ Exceeds	37.5%	18.30%	15.20%	
Approaching	18.10%	33.30%	28.80%	

**North Charleston Creative Arts Elementary School**  
**2021 - 2022 SIC Report to Parents**

Dear Parents, Friends, and the Community at Large,

At North Charleston Creative Arts Elementary we use an arts integrated approach which combines the fine and performing arts with the core instructional program. We hold the distinction as an Arts in Basic Curriculum site, along with recognition from The Distinguished Arts Program. Additionally, our identification as a Title 1 school affords us access to federal funding to provide targeted instruction and interventions for all students.

We ensure our students have access to an array of fine arts programs, each one embedded into the fabric of our school.

- **Visual Arts:** Focuses on instilling creativity and confidence in all students through the development of motor skills, language skills, social skills, decision-making, and risk-taking.
- **Dance:** Exposes our students to a variety of styles like jazz, ballet, tap, & modern. The program embraces creative movement and aligns with cross-curricular units in the core content areas.
- **Piano:** Meets the learners needs with learning opportunities based on the child's level of experience, from beginner through advanced.
- **Theater:** Features a "black-box style" classroom with costumes, props, and lights. The program focuses on improving literacy skills through fun and engaging drama lessons and activities.
- **General Music:** provides each student with a well-rounded music education which includes singing, hands-on instruments, theory, and performance opportunities to build student confidence and the love of music.
- **Strings:** Offers instructional learning in Kindergarten through the 5th grade. In grades K-2 students have the opportunity to learn violin and in grades 3 through 5 the Viola, Cello and Double Bass are added as string options.
- **Creative writing:** Focuses on instilling compassion and contemplation in a setting which encourages our students to become confident and creative writers.

It is our targeted focus as an organization to prepare our students to be college and career ready by developing essential skills and behaviors in a safe and supportive environment. Our purposeful approach to providing relevant, engaging and empathetic content through partnership with our families and community allows us to grow our students into the leaders of tomorrow.

We thank you for your continued support and partnership to support our children, families and community in our journey of improvement.

Sincerely,

Anne-Marie Murphy  
Principal