

Our Philosophy of Arts Infusion

Our mission is to provide dynamic learning with quality arts experiences as an essential component of the curriculum to optimize student achievement through a variety of learning experiences that facilitate the development of our students as lifelong learners and productive citizens.

In addition to the core academic subjects, the AIMS philosophy includes standards-based instruction in dance, music, theatre, and visual art. Students have the opportunity to experience the arts through infusion lessons, exploratory classes, and arts integration in their core subjects.



AIMS Fine Arts Team

Cathy Liebenow, *Music*

Brooke Irimescu, *Visual Art*

Angela Rogers, *Theatre*

Kim Steele, *Dance*



2021-22 School Improvement Committee

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Why AIMS is Unique

Every student participates in Dance, Music, Theatre, and Visual Arts classes. These areas of art are enhanced, infused, and integrated into lessons to foster student engagement and promote learning.

Three times per school year, students have the thrill of performing on stage for family, friends, and our community.

Grades 3-5 experience Exploratory Classes such as Ballet, Cartooning, Clay, Costume Design, Digital Media, Hip Hop Dance, Photography, Sketching, Strings, and Tap Dance.

Select students participate in AIMS Dance Company, AIMS Players, Art Chameleons, Chameleon Steel Drums, and Drumline.



AIMS Accomplishments

- U.S. Department of Education Blue Ribbon School Award
- National Winner of the Kennedy Center Creative Ticket Schools of Excellence Award for making the Arts essential in students' education
- Elizabeth O'Neil Verner Award for Arts in Education
- Arts Schools Network Exemplary School 2017-2022
- Palmetto's Finest School Finalist



2021-22 Academic Data

March 2022 Reading i-Ready Data

	% of tested students <i>September 2021</i>	% of tested students <i>March 2022</i>
Below Standard	4%	1%
Approaching Grade Level Standard	36%	18%
Above Grade Level Standard	60%	81%

In both subjects the % of students scoring approaching or below grade level shrank while the % of students scoring above the grade level increased.

March 2022 Math i-Ready Data

	% of tested students <i>September 2021</i>	% of tested students <i>March 2022</i>
Below Standard	6%	2%
Approaching Grade Level Standard	67%	39%
Above Grade Level Standard	27%	59%