# 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.



Artists in Residence

Roger Day, Song Writer

James Cannon, Percussion/Rhythms

Henrietta Snype, Sweetgrass Baskets

Susan Tondreau-Dwyer, Clay Portraits



## 2019-2020 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.



Student Accomplishments
2020 All State Chorus
Four AIMS Students participated
2020 BCSD All County Chorus
Fifteen AIMS Students selected



### 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
- Palmetto's Finest School Finalist
- Recognized by the SC Education Oversight Committee for "Closing the Achievement Gap" with a Palmetto Gold or Silver Award for 8 years in a row
- Awarded Palmetto Gold Award recognizing "Schools for attaining high levels of absolute performance and schools for attaining high rates of improvement" from 2008 to 2016







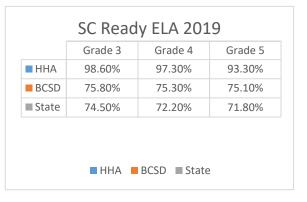






#### 2019 SC READY/SCPASS Data

Approaches, Meets, and Exceeds



	Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5
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HHA	97.30%	92.00%	85.30%
BCSD	76.10%	74.90%	74.50%
State	78.70%	75.70%	75.50%

