

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

Chair: Laurie Marecki, *Parent*

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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



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2019 SC READY/SCPASS Data

Approaches, Meets, and Exceeds

SC Ready ELA 2019

	Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5
HHA	98.60%	97.30%	93.30%
BCSD	75.80%	75.30%	75.10%
State	74.50%	72.20%	71.80%

■ HHA ■ BCSD ■ State

SC Ready Math 2019

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

■ HHA ■ BCSD ■ State

SCPASS Science 2019

	Grade 4
HHA	98.70%
BCSD	76.00%
State	74.60%

■ HHA ■ BCSD ■ State

SCPASS Social Studies 2019

	Grade 5
HHA	94.70%
BCSD	73.70%
State	70.10%

■ HHA ■ BCSD ■ State