

Central Academy of the Arts
A School for Visual, Performing, and
Digital Arts

Report to the Community 2025-2026



Our Vision at CAA is to:

- C**reate unique opportunities for students to learn and grow through innovative and
- A**rtistic experiences that have a lasting impact for
- A**cademic success

"Shine On..."



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A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

The 2025-2026 school year at Central Academy of the Arts has been an incredible journey. We are so excited your child and family are a part of this gem of a school.

To tell you more about our history, Central Elementary became Central Academy of the Arts (CAA) in the fall of 2018. At that time, we transitioned from a traditional elementary school into an arts magnet school. We began implementing The Kennedy Center's art integration focus.

We believe that our students' social, emotional, and educational needs are better met through the integration of the arts in their learning of new information and demonstration of mastery of new skills.

The students have excelled by demonstrating significant achievements in academic performance and growth. They have engaged fully with iReady and SCReady assessments, achieving commendably. We are especially proud of the students' performance on these assessments and their daily commitment to success. The staff at CAA consistently works hard to provide quality instruction to all students.

As the community reviews this update, we invite all to find ways to get involved and help make a lasting impression on the students of CAA ensuring that their elementary school experience is both successful and memorable. We believe "Central Shines!" and we are looking forward to an exciting 2026-2027 school year!

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OUR MAGNET PROGRAM



Enhanced, Infused, & Arts Integrated Instruction

Central Academy of the Arts is based on the National Magnet School Standards of Excellence. Additionally, CAA implements The Kennedy Center's art integration focus.

10 Year Magnet Plan



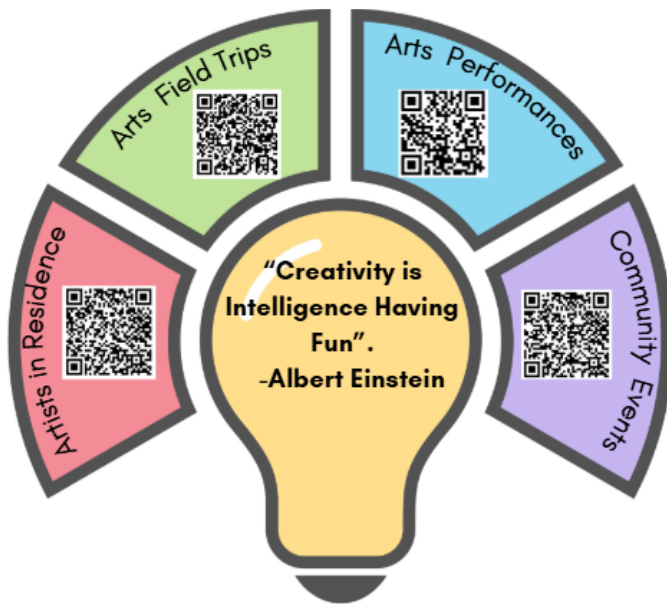
Our Progress...



CAA UNIQUE OPPORTUNITIES



CULTIVATING ARTS LITERACY



TYPES OF LESSONS



EXAMPLES OF MAJOR CHOICES

- Academy Singers
- Coding 101
- Digital Magic
- Dance Team
- Non-Traditional Sports
- Fiber Arts & Folk Craft

EXAMPLES OF CLUB CHOICES

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- Rise and Shine Yoga
 - Yearbook Club
 - Cheer Club
 - Play Club
 - Y.A.M.S & Good News Clubs
 - Festival Choir
 - Bead Creation Club
 - Sewing Club

DR. FONDA DUPRE - MAGNET COORDINATOR

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“We have so many art programs to choose from at Central Academy of the Arts! There are arts majors, drama performances, arts field trips, and visiting artists in every grade. I love my school!” – Rhys Magagnotti, 5th Grade



“I love that we get to choose different majors at our school. We also have fun school-wide events! My favorite this year was One Book, One School—we all got our own copy of Finding Gobi, and the author came to visit us. It was amazing!” – Anna Grace Shirley, 5th Grade



“There’s so much to do at our school! I love being in theatre performances, choosing an arts major, and creating art with teaching artists. That’s what makes Central Academy of the Arts so special!” – Winston Reynolds, 5th Grade



“Our teachers make learning fun by including the arts in our lessons! We just finished a nonfiction unit on The Beatles. We listened to their music, built a classroom Yellow Submarine, and made our own Beatles records. It was so much fun! My new favorite song is Yellow Submarine.” – Adelaide St. Peter, 5th Grade



“Our school is really unique! We have a dance teacher, and artists visit every grade to teach us cool new art skills.” – Ralyn Greer, 4th Grade

**FROM OUR STUDENTS ABOUT
THEIR EXPERIENCES AT CAA**

COMMUNITY PARTNERS

ALIVE

Southern Wesleyan University
Clemson University
Central First Baptist
Good News Club
Common Table Church
Arts in the Basic Curriculum
Dabo's All In Foundation
Flatrock Baptist

Phi Kappa Phi

Papa John's Pizza
Joe's Pizza
South Carolina Dept. of Education
The Cliffs Resident Outreach
Something Special
Clemson Pearce Center
Golden Harvest Food Bank
TCBY

YMCA Mentors

Steadfast Hope
Central Sweets
Mount Zion United Methodist
Sacred Kingdom Tattoo
Lowes of Central
Mullinax Tree Service
Handel's Ice Cream
Lifepoint Church

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CAA Strategic Plan Presentation



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Kennedy Center Arts
Integration Conference

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