



*A School for Visual, Performing,  
and Digital Arts*

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A Pre-K through 5th Grade School



## Join us on our journey of arts integration...

Central Academy of the Arts is a magnet school offering an arts-infused and arts-integrated curriculum based on the Kennedy Center for Performing Arts Model.



Arts integration goes far beyond having top-notch art, music, and dance classes. It is an approach to teaching in which students construct and demonstrate their understanding of the general curriculum through an art form. It involves including art methods such as drawing, song-writing, drama, and media in core subject areas, showing students how their creativity and artistic ability connects to the world around them.

2018 is the first step in our five-year transformation from arts integration to becoming fully arts-infused, meaning our teachers will be able to teach art and core standards together. Through it all, we plan to offer specialized opportunities in dance, art, music, theater, and design that no other school in our district can match.

We look forward to continuing to serve the students in our Central community, and we welcome new faces from across our district who will want to become a part of our journey through school choice. Join us as we begin an experience that is creative and unique as each student!

Your principal,

*Tish Goode*

## Building Artistic Success

Young artists need a combination of support and focus to allow their gifts to flourish. In addition to specialized classes in Art, Music, Dance, Media, Technology, and Physical Education, students in grades 3-5 will choose a “major” to hone their skills based on their own interests and talents.

Majors include:

- Band
- Sketching
- Pottery
- Broadcasting
- Digital Design
- Tap Dancing
- Drum Fit
- and more!



## Unique Opportunities

CAA is working in conjunction with R.C. Edwards Middle School to develop an elementary band program unique to the School District of Pickens County. Students will begin instrumental instruction in kindergarten, leading up to basic woodwind and brass instruction in 4th and 5th grade.

Each grade level will also host two local, state, or nationally-recognized artists as artists-in-residence each year who will specialize in an arts-infused event.

CAA will be the only elementary school in SDPC to have a full dance studio equipped with springboard floors and mirrors.





## *Why choose an arts-integrated school?*

The arts have a life-long impact on young minds. Research has shown that young people who participate regularly in the arts (three hours a day on three days each week through one full year) are four times more likely to be recognized for academic achievement than children who do not. CAA is devoted to making sure *every* student reaps the benefits of arts participation.

## *Who can attend?*

Students who live in the Central Elementary School zone are automatically approved to attend CAA. The school will accept other students on school choice. If the number of school choice applications exceed school capacity, a lottery system will be used to determine admission.



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