



Da Vinci Arts Middle School

da Vinci's Mission: It is the mission of da Vinci Arts Middle School to assist our students to reach their full academic and artistic potential and prepare them to lead satisfying, creative lives in which they will continue to learn and grow.

Da Vinci offers a robust, engaging, and challenging comprehensive arts program.

As a focus option school, we are open to students throughout the district through the Enrollment Transfer lottery process. Each year, 150 new 6th grade students are admitted. We believe that developing critical thinking, creativity, and skill through our strong academic program and daily engagement in the arts are essential to the academic and social-emotional success of our students.

In addition to our strong academic core requirements, these are our art classes and electives:

Dance: At da Vinci our PE is Dance. All students take Dance! They learn Jazz and Tap as well as other styles through guest artists. Many students choose Dance as their year-long art class but everyone takes at least one quarter.

Drama: There are three levels Drama and Drama Tech. Students learn the fundamentals of acting, stagecraft, and working as an ensemble through in-class work and mainstage performances.

Music: Music students can choose from African Drumming, Beginning and Advanced Band, Choir, and Guitar.

Visual Art: Visual art students study two and three-dimensional art forms, including painting, drawing, ceramics, and textiles.

Creative Writing: Creative Writing is offered as a year-long or quarter term class. Students develop their writing skills in different writing modes; narrative, fiction and nonfiction, prose and poetry.

Performances, exhibitions and our Literary Review help us celebrate our unique arts community.

AVID: Advancement Via Individual Determination is offered to all students.

Student Affinity groups, Leadership and Clubs:

Black Student Union

Queer Straight Alliance

Leo Leaders, student leadership team

After-school Jazz and Rock band by audition

Clubs- Current Events, Equity Team, Karaoke, Newspaper and Literary Magazine, Plant Club

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