

# A GLIMPSE AT

# EAST AIKEN

## School of the Arts



At East Aiken School of the Arts, we believe in educating the whole child and are committed to our purpose to Accommodate differences, Reveal a passion for learning, Teach appreciation, and Stimulate creativity. We are Aiken County Public Schools' only **arts-magnet school** that focuses on data driven and arts integrated instruction to meet the needs of all learners.



We believe that all students are entitled to a comprehensive and sequential arts education program. All students participate in dance, visual arts, theatre, music, and physical education each week. Students have the opportunity to participate in a variety of clubs that offer a wide range of experiences, from STEAM to creative writing among other options.



2019 South Carolina School of Excellence in Arts Education Award Winner

2017 South Carolina Exemplary Reading Award Winner

Title I Reward for Progress School 2014-15

Recipient of Distinguished Arts Program Grant

We are an Arts in Basic Curriculum certified school.



### STUDENT COMPOSITION

- 39% Caucasian/white students
- 43.3% African American/black
- 7.7% Hispanic
- 9% other nationalities.





Quest Zone, operated by the Sunshine House Child Care Center, is our extended school day partner. They operate from 2:30-6:00 p.m. Monday-Friday at East Aiken School of the Arts. QuestZone provides on-site afterschool homework help and engaging activities for our students.



Community and parent involvement are important to us! We are proud to partner with Rotary Club of Aiken for our Rotary Readers program. Our PTO is active in supporting school programs. Our Arts Steering Committee, composed of community members and parents, provides guidance, support, and resources for our arts and academic programs.

## ARTS EXPERIENCES

At East Aiken School of the Arts, we offer a comprehensive arts program consisting of full-time visual arts, music, dance, and drama as well as physical education. Advanced arts studies in music, dance, drama, and visual arts are offered after school to qualifying students. Additionally, all students have the opportunity to participate in monthly clubs with an arts/STEAM focus, arts-based community field trips, and engage with artists-in-residence throughout the school year.



### SPECIAL NEEDS

We are committed to providing a quality education for all students. We have three special education teachers and a speech pathologist on our faculty. We also have reading and math interventionists as well as a full-time nurse.



### COMMUNICATION

We utilize our website, e-flyers, an automated calling system, newsletters, regular teacher communication and teacher conferences to communicate with our students and their families.



### SECURITY

The safety of students and staff members is our top priority. Security measures include volunteer and visitor background checks, volunteer training procedures, as well as other security measures.



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