

# WHAT IS AN A+ SCHOOL?

An A+ School stands for arts plus academics. Hunt A+ Elementary School interweaves the arts: dance, drama, music, and visual, into the curriculum. Staff follow district and state Common Core standards in all subject areas, however, the curriculum is taught within the overall theme of the arts. In addition, staff utilize an approach to learning that is inquiry or performance/project based, “hands on – minds on”.



## ARTS INTEGRATION

- Students have hands-on, experiential, and meaningful learning experiences.
- Students learn subjects in multiple ways.
- Students show their understanding in a variety of ways, such as through dance or by creating a readers’ theatre.
- Teachers create opportunities for our students to experience artistic works and performances in both the school and community.

## RESEARCH

- Music training is closely correlated with the development of phonological awareness – one of the most important predictors of early reading skills.
- Children who practiced a specific art form developed improved attention skills and improved general intelligence.
- Arts Integration techniques engage the multiple intelligences, which cause more information to be stored in long-term memory.



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