

M.D. ROBERTS SCHOOL OF THE ARTS

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Elevate Greatness

WELCOME!

M. D. Roberts School of the Arts is Georgia's premier school of the arts for 6th-8th. As a conservatory, M. D. Roberts develops and grows students in the areas of music, theatre, visual arts, and dance. Our gifted faculty of teaching specialist is dedicated to developing the whole child and teaching mastery of their craft to students in a warm and nurturing environment. Our team values each student for their individual passions, talents, and artistic abilities.

Rooted by a commitment to academic excellence, M. D. Roberts scholars experience success in the classroom and on stage. Academic classes are designed to engage all students with the integration of the arts where students are encouraged to strive for excellence.

We are a community of passionate learners fueled with creative hearts. The spirit of collaboration has always been a hallmark of M. D. Roberts and our dance, theatre, visual arts and music divisions continue to strive for excellence together. The arts remain a beacon of hope and we hope that you will join us as we elevate greatness!

SPORTS & CLUBS

- Basketball
- Cheerleaders
- Chess
- Flag Football
- Football
- Jr. Beta
- RAMS TV
- Regal Dolls Dance Line
- Student Ambassadors
- Soccer
- Swimming
- Track
- Volleyball



MUSIC

Our Music Department fosters a love for learning in the arts. The curriculum builds students' musical skills through vocal development while encouraging them to be creative through projects and repertoire. Our music program immerses students in various music styles across different historical periods, cultures and backgrounds. The instrumental music program develops a deep understanding of instruments in the woodwind, brass, percussion, or string families. Scholars participate in rigorous daily practice & preparation for performances locally and nationally.

MAJORS:

- Band
- Orchestra
- Guitar
- Piano
- Vocal Music



Principal performing ensembles: Voices of Excellence, Voices of Caliber, Voices of Distinction, Voices of Eminence, Men of Valor, Jazz Band, Symphonic Band, Concert Band, & Orchestra.



THEATRE

Our Theatre Department is on a dramatic mission to change the world for the better by showcasing the artistic talents of our scholars. Scholars' individual skills and interests are embraced and teaching artists encourage scholars to explore concepts related to character, language, & plot in dramatic presentations. Scholars receive rigorous training in a progressive program of training in public speaking, improvisation, movement, speech, playwriting, & acting techniques. Students involved in technical theater gain hands-on knowledge and skills in set design, lighting design, costuming, stage makeup, sound design, stage house management and much more. Our Technical Theater students build their skills in the scene shop as they are immersed in all elements of technical theatre with daily hands-on experiences.

MAJORS:

- Theatre
- Technical Theatre

VISUAL ARTS

Our Visual Arts Department encourages all students to participate in the creative process to produce inspiring works of art that express their voices. Scholars engage in the pursuit of artistic excellence through a variety of arts forms including painting, photography, digital, drawing, ceramics and much more. Individual growth and development are pursued as students work to complete their portfolio in the preparation for high school and beyond.

Scholars are encouraged to explore, grow and share their work with the local, state, and national community through showcases, visual displays, and artistic competitions.

MAJORS:

- Visual Arts
- Media Arts (digital media)
- Photography



DANCE

Our Dance Department is conservatory-based, grounded in classical ballet, and encourages dance techniques and artistry development of different forms and cultures. Courses are designed to provide a strong foundation in ballet, jazz, modern, contemporary, and lyrical styles. Strongly rooted in technique and personal development, our program introduces students to dance history, terminology, choreography, and much more.

Our dance division is recognized locally and nationally for the success in outstanding dance curriculum, excellent facility, and relationships with a variety of ballet and modern dance companies.

Principal performing ensemble:

Radiant Rams Competition Team



HISTORY

M. D. Roberts Middle School was named in honor of a family man who had a strong commitment to education and the community. Moddie Decker Roberts was a trendsetter, mediator, and a source of strength for the community throughout his tenure with the Clayton County Public Schools.



Mr. Roberts was the sixth of ten children. He received his educational training from Georgia Normal and Industrial Institute, Morris Brown College, University of Michigan, University of Hawaii, and Georgia State University. He also held an honorary Ed.D from Birmingham Baptist University. Mr. Roberts also had experience as a World War II veteran, a government civilian who worked in post-war Europe, and an educational leader from Twiggs County.

In 1952, Clayton County decided to consolidate the many one-room schools used to educate the minority children throughout the county. Mr. Roberts was appointed principal of the new Fountain High School. Mr. Roberts worked thirty-one years as principal of Fountain High School. Under his guidance, the staff and student populations grew and Fountain became known as the school with a "forward look." Mr. Roberts implemented a variety of programs that raised the self-esteem of the students and made them confident and proud of their dynamic heritage. Mr. Roberts was an advocate of quality education and a respected community leader. His strong leadership assisted the school system integrate smoothly during the challenging period of the 1960's.

Because of Mr. Robert's legacy, his service as a humanitarian, and his outstanding contributions to education in Clayton County, our school was named in his honor, M. D. Roberts Middle School.

VISION STATEMENT

The vision of M.D. Roberts School of the Arts is to be a distinguished school of excellence through the integration of the arts in which all students are college and career ready and prepared to compete in a global society.



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