

WHAT IS IT?

JUST IN CASE YOU DIDN'T KNOW

RICHLAND ONE is one of the few districts in our state that offers **Gifted & Talented Artistic Dance and Theatre programs** in all of our middle and high schools. In addition to this program, our district offers many other enriching opportunities for students and it is often hard to decide which arts program is the right program for your student.

WHEN YOU DECIDE, TELL ALL YOUR FRIENDS!

DANCE AND THEATRE

are forms of communication and expression that are basic to human life. They involve response and expression through the senses, imagination, and the cognitive and emotional dimensions of our being. Most importantly, theatre and dance education concern the integrity of the individual as creator, appreciator, and life long consumer.

The purpose of the dance and theatre education process in Richland School District One is to provide students with a rigorous and balanced approach to learning through critical thinking and creative problem solving. This process involves a discipline based approach with experiences in the production, appreciation, and knowledge of dance and theatre. Experience is gained through an understanding of the developments in history and culture, the development of judgements about dance and theatre, and the practical applications of dance and theatre practices.



REQUIREMENTS

YEAH, YOU KNOW... THE SPECIFICS AND STUFF.

Find the forms at schools or at richlandone.org under the Visual and Performing Arts Department.

AUDITIONS are held in January for fifth graders at all elementary schools, and in August and January at middle and high schools. An established review team assesses the skills intended to be measured.

DANCE skills include physical control over body movement, recall of movement that is taught at the audition, and using the body expressively and creatively.

THEATRE skills include creating a character, that will be given at the audition, by using imagination, and changing the body and voice.

INTERVIEWS are short and are held in conjunction with the audition process.

10 REASONS TO PARTICIPATE

LIKE YOU'LL NEED ALL 10 REASONS

- 1** Theatre and Dance programs help develop creativity, problem-solving, self-discipline, and team work skills.
- 2** Research shows that students involved in arts education perform better, have more motivation to learn, and have better attendance records.
- 3** Performances build confidence as well as speech and presentation skills.
- 4** Gifted and Talented - Artistic teachers are certified in dance or theatre with a curriculum that is based on state and national arts content standards.
- 5** Students have special opportunities available to them, such as chances to work with the USC School of Dance, tickets to professional performances and master classes with professional artists.
- 6** The program gives students opportunities to express themselves artistically.
- 7** Participation among disadvantaged students has demonstrated to have a positive effect on them and increase their overall achievement in all subject areas.
- 8** Arts education helps students become better readers and writers, while also advancing math achievement.
- 9** Students in the program bond, creating lasting friendships, and build skills that help them throughout their lifetime, no matter what career direction they follow.
- 10** **IT IS FUN!!!** And after the hard work, you get to **“ENJOY THE APPLAUSE!”**

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CONTACT US WE'D LOVE TO SPEAK WITH YOU!

If you have an interest in Dance or Theatre and your student is not already involved in this program, and will be in **sixth through twelfth grade this year**, please contact your student's school's guidance department to inquire about auditions. For more information, contact the Visual and Performing Arts Department at **803-231-6858** or visit our departmental website at **RichlandOne.org**.