

## **Literary Arts Student Profile**

The Literary Arts Program at Pittsburgh CAPA 6-12 is a seven-year, intensive course of study in creative writing, one of a dozen nationwide. Here at Pittsburgh CAPA, students with a love of writing and a commitment to achievement have opportunities to pursue their passion that are unavailable virtually anywhere else. Our young writers explore every literary genre: poetry, fiction, nonfiction, and drama. Each year, working with specialists in every genre, they take increasingly advanced courses, as they work to create a broad and sophisticated writing portfolio.

But Pittsburgh CAPA Literary Artists don't simply write. They edit; they publish; they perform. They use their writing to connect themselves to the larger world, the world beyond our school's walls. In their classes and in special collaborative projects literary artists explore literature, history, and many other art forms. They also connect themselves to one another, forming a community of writers that encourages and sustains their imaginative work.

### ***Characteristics of a Literary Artist***

- Creative and curious about the world
- Commitment and willingness to work with others
- Lover of reading
- Lover of words, language, and writing
- Conversant with sentence and paragraph structure with the goal of developing a sophisticated understanding of grammar and syntax by high school
- Multi-genre writer
- Ability to give and take constructive feedback
- Interest in writing creatively outside of the classroom.
- Strong time-management skills.
- Takes initiative for own learning
- Independent and critical thinker
- Able to work independently
- Performer in class and in front of larger audiences
- Eager and determined to improve craft and the ability to apply craft lessons to creative work
- Openness to feedback and attention to detail
- Articulate communicator, written and oral
- Experimental, ambitious, and willing to take risks in creative work
- Attentive and efficient
- Able to work collaboratively.
- Enthusiastic participant in class and department activities
- Compassionate and empathetic towards peers
- Respectful literary citizen
- Active and co-operative community member
- Respectful to all art forms