



Summer Arts Academy

Dear Parents, Guardians, Teachers and Students,

We are thrilled to announce the start of the selection process for Orangeburg County Schools' **Summer Arts Academy**! This exciting opportunity is open to artistically gifted and talented students in grades 4-11 who have a passion for **music, dance, theater, and/or visual arts**.

Our Summer Arts Academy is an enriching program designed to cultivate and elevate the talents of students who show creativity, dedication, and a love for the arts. Here are some of the characteristics we're looking for:

- Enthusiastic about drama, music, dance, and/or visual art.
- Full of unique ideas and innovative responses.
- Attuned to the world around them with a keen sense of observation.
- Notice and appreciate the extraordinary details that others may overlook.
- Eager to try new, exciting activities.
- Committed to seeing a project through when inspired.

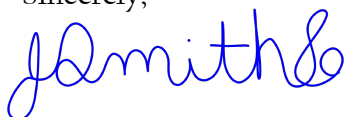
The path to joining the Summer Arts Academy is a thrilling journey in itself! Students must be nominated and will go through an exciting **three-round screening process**: school-level, district-level, and final auditions. Your child's art or music teacher will notify them when the first round will take place.

Parents, you play a vital role in recognizing your child's gifts beyond the classroom. If you believe your child exhibits the special qualities listed above, we encourage you to complete the nomination form and return it to your child's music or art teacher. **The Summer Arts Academy nomination window will take place during the month of November (November 1-30, 2024).**

For those students who successfully pass the auditions and join this incredible program, parents/guardians will need to provide transportation to and from classes, unless district transportation is arranged. Stay tuned for further details on program dates, location, and times, which will be shared with parents of qualifying students.

We can't wait to see our talented students shine and share their creativity with the world!

Sincerely,



Johnnie Smith,
Coordinator of Fine & Related Arts

