



# MIDDLE SCHOOL ARTS PHILOSOPHY

## At Ana Grace Arts Middle, we believe...

### **Creativity is the foundation of a child's education.**

Art promotes cognitive, social and emotional learning, develops motor skills and coordination, and teaches the importance of self-determination.



### **Art is vital to expressing our collective human experiences, belief and values.**

Since the beginning of time, art has been a major component of education, communication and cultural exchange. Art is a language that everyone, everywhere understands and through which, everyone can inspire and be inspired.

### **A multi-disciplinary approach to training is the most effective model.**

Research shows that exposure to a variety of art forms is a best practice for developing individual artistic voice and fostering self-determination.

We believe in exploration rather than exclusivity and in the cross-pollination of ideas.



### **Artists are important and essential to society.**

Artists nurture the power to move, influence and shape the consciousness of entire nations. The arts are not an enrichment, not superfluous, not a luxury. Artists help us make sense of our own lives, the world around us, and touch the deepest aspects of being human.