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Vision: Arts-based school communities
that fuel transformative education for
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A Model
School
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What is Whole Schools?

MS Whole Schools, a program of the Mississippi Arts Commission, is Mississippi's first comprehensive statewide arts education program, which uses the arts as a vehicle for promoting high-quality instruction and learning for students in all disciplines.

There are three levels to the program: Arts in the Classroom (one year "try-out" experience); Mississippi Whole Schools (eight year commitment); Model School (two year award, renewable).

ARTS IN THE CLASSROOM

This program is designed to primarily provide professional development for teachers and administrators of preK-12 schools in the foundations of arts integration as a teaching tool to enhance teaching skills and improve student achievement through the infusion of the arts into the basic curriculum.

WHOLE SCHOOLS

This program is open to K-12 schools that uses the arts as a vehicle for promoting high-quality instruction and learning for students. The program is founded on effective research-based methods and strategies. Participants in Mississippi Whole Schools are supported through grant funds, professional development and technical assistance for up to six years.

MODEL SCHOOLS

Schools that have committed to arts integration and changed their school's culture through the arts are invited to apply as a Model Whole School. To apply, schools must have completed at least three years in Mississippi Whole Schools.

Joyner Elementary School celebrates being a Model School since 2023!



For over 13 years, Joyner was a Whole School for the arts.

- All of the Tupelo Public School District schools are affiliated with Mississippi Whole Schools Arts Integration Program in one of the three levels described.