

Vancouver School of Arts and Academics

The daily atmosphere of authentic engagement at Vancouver School of Arts and Academics involves strenuous, creative work, self-discipline, integrity, and dedication as students prepare for both college and future careers. In accordance with the vision of the Vancouver School District, the school's goal is for graduates to "achieve literacy and appropriate core competencies, and become responsible and compassionate citizens." Student experiences are based upon the goals of celebrating artistry, creativity, critical thinking, imagination, integration of core subjects with the arts and demonstration, through a variety of mediums and proficiencies.

Vancouver School of Arts and Academics is characterized by a simple alternating A/B schedule. Each student has a teacher assigned who remains his or her advocate for seven years. Middle and high school students attend interdisciplinary-arts' core classes and once they have met academic graduation requirements have the option of taking additional art classes. Levels, from beginning through advanced, are offered in Dance, Music, Theatre, Literary Arts, Visual Arts, and Moving Image Arts. All grade levels are integrated into all classes. Students explore each art form and choose to focus in one or more arts during their seven years at the school. Professional artists and community leaders play an important role at the school. Students learn alongside working artists and also have field experiences in the community. The result: student 'spark' is kept alive each and every school day.

A diverse and robust menu of after school/extracurricular activities is offered for students. They include instruction and performance opportunities in dance, theatre, choir, orchestra and jazz band. Visual art students may participate in extended studio time, photo lab or graphic design art marketing. Literary art students publish both a magazine and newspaper. Costume and tech clubs support performing ensembles by designing and creating state appropriate costumes, sets, lighting and sound. Visit Vancouver School of Arts and Academics before or after school, and often on weekends, and you will witness a large portion of the student body engaged in activities that develop skills, support their unique curriculum, and build a strong sense of community.