



The Studio School



Goals: Art & Technology

The mission of The Studio School is to recognize and increase the potential of each individual student in a diverse learning community by offering carefully designed learning experiences that are expanded and deepened through opportunities to creatively explore the arts and technology.

Current research indicates that exposing children to the visual and performing arts positively impacts brain development and is linked to improved performance on standardized tests. This influence is especially apparent in the early years.

Moreover, when children are allowed to strengthen their own creative voices through the arts, they have the opportunity to develop a deep appreciation and enjoyment of artistic expression. This is a lifelong gift.

Why Technology?

For children to fully benefit from the technology that has become an integral part of their lives they must be able to use this technology with confidence and creativity. Unfortunately, computer technology is often approached as a subject rather than as a tool. Our goal is to help children become technologically literate.

Today, computers are used in music, art, and for information access. Studio School curriculum is designed to provide children with meaningful opportunities to apply computer technology. What new ways could technology enhance learning and creative thinking, particularly when coupled with the arts? Such questions will help fuel the curriculum development at this school.

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What	Why	How
1. Celebrate and Preserve Individual Differences and Strengths	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♪ "No Child Left Behind" 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♪ Curriculum Design ♪ Environment ♪ Experience, Group Choices, Mixed Ages
2. Art Integration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♪ Create Appreciation of Self ♪ Support Different Learning Modalities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♪ Studio Specialists ♪ Exposure to Artists ♪ Involve in Community Art
3. Technology Integration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♪ Another Language, Learning Modality ♪ Effective Learning Tool 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♪ Studio With Interactive Opportunities ♪ Multimedia and Art
4. Family Involvement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♪ Parents Are Resourceful ♪ Children's First Teachers ♪ Home-School Connection ♪ Key to Success 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♪ Regular Communication With Family ♪ Home-Based Projects ♪ Student Performances and Portfolios ♪ Collaborative Partners
5. Community Partnership and Involvement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♪ Civic Awareness ♪ Citizenship ♪ Share Resources ♪ Break Boundaries 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♪ Field Trips ♪ Bring Community Members In ♪ Tap Outside Resources
6. Active Learning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♪ Engagement Leads to Learning and Brain Development ♪ Learning Modality 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♪ Project Orientation ♪ Integrate Arts and Technology ♪ Community Field Trips
7. Process Focus Versus Product Focus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♪ Tells More About Child ♪ Deeper Learning ♪ Student Centered 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♪ Documentation and Portfolios ♪ Project Orientation ♪ Multiple Assessments
8. Spiral Paths Instead of Linear Learning Path	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♪ Accommodate Diverse Needs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♪ Reflective Processes ♪ Collaboration: Learners Parents, Teachers, and Other Stakeholders
9. Authentic Assessment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♪ Form of Reflection ♪ Deepens Learning ♪ Provides Purpose 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♪ Involve Everybody ♪ Assessment is Part of Learning Process ♪ Documentation and Portfolios With Rubrics