

ARTS EDUCATION

The Pitt County Board of Education believes that the arts are a vital part of all children's education. In keeping with this belief, the Board is committed to providing a comprehensive and sequential K-12 program in arts education for all students in the Pitt County Schools.

A comprehensive K-12 arts education provides students a means to express creativity, communication and self-expression regardless of the students' backgrounds, talents or ability levels. The Board believes that arts education should be process-oriented rather than solely product-oriented. Outcomes are designed so that the knowledge, skills and attitudes that are learned and developed will transition into a basis for life-long learning.

The Board also endorses the concept that arts education (instrumental music, general music, vocal music, dance, theater, visual arts) gives students an opportunity to find rewards within the learning process itself. Arts education enhances learners' abilities to problem solve while developing their critical and creative thinking skills. Students will develop a respect and appreciation for the ideas and creations of others, as well as form an understanding of how art affects the lives of all and improves the quality of life in a community.