



Utilizing Resources and Partnerships to Maximize Personalized Education Programs Meeting the Needs of All Learners

ArtSpace Charter School

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- ArtSpace Charter School offers a complete education, through an **integrated curriculum** centered around **visual and performing arts**, utilizing an **experiential approach**. We believe in a **family-centered, cooperative approach** to education that encourages **parental involvement** and **community service** in order to nurture responsible citizenship.

Our Mission.....

- 45 % qualify as Economically Disadvantaged
- 19 % Special Education & 504 plans



- Emotional needs
- Homelessness
- Peer relationships
- Behavioral issues
- Disrupted or dysfunctional home life
- Health issues
- Socio economic hardships
- Identified exceptionalities – Autism, ADHD, dyslexia, etc.

What do we mean by Special Needs?

**Success looks different
for each student**



**ARTS = The Universal
Accommodator**



4 Pillars of Academic Access

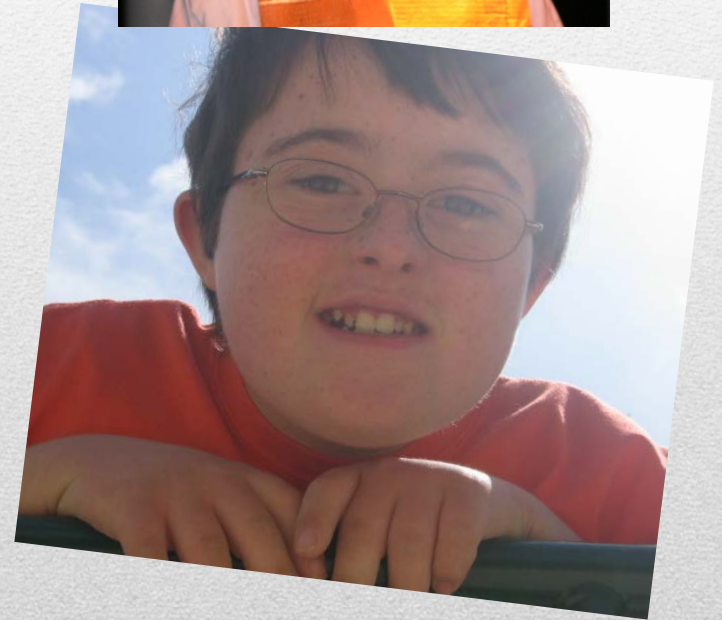
- Student accommodations
- Environmental modifications
- Curricular adaptations
- Teacher considerations



- Always be yourself, express yourself, have faith in yourself, do not go out and look for a successful personality and duplicate it.
Bruce Lee

Gaining Access to the Arts

- Scaffolding previous experiences
 - Art for arts sake
 - Teaching core concepts
- Behavior needs vs. accessibility
- Pre-stimulus reduction
 - Sensory centers
 - Anticipated expectations
- Demonstrating comprehension



Student Accommodations

- Preferential seating
- Noise reduction
 - Paraverbal communication
 - Nonverbal cues
 - Headphones
- Flexibility



Environmental modifications

- Expectations for completed work
 - What will it look like for my students?
 - Differentiation
- Vertical alignment
- Chunking standards



Curricular Adaptations

- Process vs. product
- Consider Emotional Intelligence
 - “peripheral” skills
- Collaboration is key
- Rubrics – blueprints for success
- Reflection (Individual, Group,...)
 - Reflect, acknowledge, adjust
 - Celebrate failure



Teacher Considerations



RESOURCES

Tapping Into All You Can to Support Students

- Title I (050)
- Behavior Support (029)
- State Reserve(063)
- IDEA VI-B (060)
- IDEA (118)
- Risk Pool (114)

GRANTS

- Classroom support- small reading groups, math groups, ..
- After school tutoring
- Summer reading opportunities & camp support
- **Other supports (too many to list!)**

AmeriCorps Volunteers

- Full-time AC Member-
\$7,000 per year

AmeriCorps-
What a Bargain!!!!

- Augustine Program-
- Reading training and 1-on-1 tutors
- Autism Society
- Local colleges....WWC, UNCA, Mars Hill

Community Partnerships

- Leading special projects in classrooms
- Working with small groups in classrooms
- Tutoring

Parent Volunteers!



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