

ARTS IMMERSION



HOW WE TEACH



Children and community that value arts and learning!

WHAT IS ARTS IMMERSION?

Arts Immersion is a method of teaching where learning is fully rooted in an art form. It uses the arts as a vehicle for the cross-curricular exploration of other subject areas, including math, science, social studies, language arts, and health and wellness. At CAA, we use Arts Immersion to teach the Alberta Curriculum to students in Kindergarten through to Year 9. Arts Immersion is distinct from other models of arts education, including Arts Integration. This model fosters academic excellence.

HOW DOES IT WORK?

At Calgary Arts Academy, Arts Immersion teaching and learning happens each and every day. Certificated teachers, many of whom are artists in their own right, partner with professional artists who are hired from the local community to support teaching and learning in our schools. Together, they plan Arts Immersion projects to work on with students. Typically, there are five Arts Immersion projects (Learning Contracts) throughout the year, each project lasting about six weeks. Each Art Immersion project begins first and foremost in an art form, whether it be music, drama, visual art, dance, creative writing, or something else! As the students explore the relevant skills in that art form, they engage with learning objectives from the Alberta Curriculum.

WHY ARTS IMMERSION?

The arts provide meaningful and real-world opportunities for students to engage in their learning. They promote positive and creative risk-taking while also helping to build strategies for effective communication, in addition to many other skills required for success in the 21st century. Studies have shown that children who participate in the arts demonstrate higher scores in other academic areas as well!