

EDUCATIONAL CENTER FOR THE ARTS

An ACES Interdistrict Magnet School



TEACHING ART FOR LIFE



Educational Center for the Arts (ECA) is a half-time Interdistrict Magnet arts high school for students who wish to study music, dance, theatre, creative writing, or visual arts. ECA offers an intensive honors level curriculum in the arts under the tutelage of practicing professional artists. ECA has a commitment to the identification of students from culturally diverse backgrounds, experiences and interest in the arts.

The curriculum provides a balance of training between the acquisition of technical skills and the acquisition of imaginative and creative skills. Students develop not only an understanding of how their own art form relates to other art forms but also an understanding of the variety of cultural and historical influences on the arts.

The qualities that contribute to creating good art – an appetite for learning and growing, discipline and flexibility – also contribute to living a rewarding, productive life. Nurturing the creativity of a student therefore implies nurturing a way of being. Our ultimate goal is for students to learn how to incorporate in their daily lives a vital, creative spirit by learning to work as artists.

As a result of their creative work and study here, students are prepared to pursue further professional study in conservatory programs or college-level study in academic, professional and artistic fields.

ECA is nestled in the heart of New Haven's Audubon Arts District and since 1973 has been a leader in fostering the education of emerging artists as they develop their unique voice.



ECA's mission is to provide students with the experience of studying the fine arts with practicing professional artists, stimulating a life-long curiosity for learning and a passion for the arts.

ECA Dancers...

- learn to create their own dances
- work to develop dance technique skills

ECA Creative Writers...

- learn to write in a range of literary genres
- discover their own distinctive voices

ECA Theatre students...

- write their own plays
- create exceptional theatre of the highest quality

ECA Music students...

- explore music in an intensive concentrated course of study
- grow and develop intellectually, musically, and personally

ECA Visual Artists...

- work intensely to develop their skills in a variety of media
- learn to visually communicate their ideas while discovering their own style

We welcome inquiries to our program at any time through our Outreach department. Please call 203.777.5451 for information about programming or admissions.



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