

2025 TAA Arts Rich Schools & Awards Program



2025 Arts Rich Elementary School

Rozelle Elementary School for the Creative & Performing Arts - Memphis, TN

Rozelle Elementary School for Creative and Performing Arts, located in Memphis, Tennessee, is a vibrant institution dedicated to nurturing both academic excellence and artistic talent. As part of the Memphis-Shelby County Schools district, Rozelle offers a unique Creative and Performing Arts program that integrates arts education into the core curriculum. Students have the opportunity to explore their passions through activities such as dance, drama, music, strings, visual arts, and more. The school earned significant accolades as a Model School in 2024, and since becoming a 2024 TAA Arts Rich School of Merit, has been named a Model School in 2025 and a 2025 Magnet School of Distinction for commitment to excellence in education and the arts. These honors underscore Rozelle's dedication to fostering a love for creativity and learning. Rozelle has demonstrated significant academic growth over the past few years. In 2022, Rozelle was designated as a Level 5 Reward school by the Tennessee Department of Education for academic growth. Emphasizing a culture of respect, responsibility, and readiness, the school inspires students to excel academically while encouraging creativity and self-expression. Rozelle Elementary's holistic approach ensures that students are prepared to become future leaders, innovators, and positive contributors to their community. With its focus on academic rigor and artistic excellence, Rozelle Elementary continues to shine as a beacon of inspiration and opportunity for young learners.

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2025 Arts Rich Middle School of the Year

South Doyle Middle School - Knoxville, TN

South Doyle Middle School (SDMS), located "south of the river" in Knoxville, Tennessee, is a Title 1 school serving approximately 800 students in grades six through eight. SDMS's mission is to become a magnet that draws people to the community and a foundation for residents of South Knoxville. Its vision emphasizes creating a culture of belonging and engagement to support students' academic and social growth. The faculty includes specialists in academics, special education, English language learning, and the related arts. The school's daily KEE Time develops the core behaviors of Kindness, Energy, and Effort. All students participate in daily related arts classes, choosing from more than thirteen options including chorus, band, beginner guitar, general music, performance arts, and news production. After-school offerings such as honors band, art club, ensemble, and Cherokee Singers expand access to creative learning. The SHADES after-school program further enhances engagement through STEM, culinary arts, and media workshops. Students regularly participate in local area arts events and various music competitions and showcases. Serving a richly diverse student body, SDMS values inclusive practices that reflect its commitment to equity and belonging. The school's dedicated and collaborative team of professionals recognizes the role of the arts in supporting students' cognitive, emotional, and academic growth and is dedicated to providing meaningful opportunities that connect students with their community and the world.

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2025 Arts Rich High School of the Year

Collierville High School - Collierville, TN

Collierville High School's diverse population remains steadfast in upholding the district's core values of scholarship, integrity, and service. The school, located in Collierville, Tennessee, strives for academic excellence, fostering a love for learning that shapes the students' futures. The commitment to integrity ensures that the school's actions are guided by honesty, responsibility, and ethical conduct. Dedication to service, an emphasis on the importance of the fine arts, fostering artistic literacy, and a commitment to offer an extensive range of arts classes provide students with opportunities for growth and challenge in their artistic pursuits. The requirement for all students to take at least one year of fine arts classes ensures that every student can explore their creativity and develop skills in the arts. Sixty-six percent of the student body is engaged in the arts. A high percentage of students continues to advanced classes, including honors and AP courses. Community involvement in performances, competitions, and shows not only supports and celebrates the achievements of students, but also fosters connections between the school and the community. In the past year, students participated in approximately 123 community art opportunities. These performances and contests provide valuable experiences for students to share their talents and passion for the arts with others. The Collierville High School Fine Arts Department is making significant strides in fulfilling its mission to cultivate artistically literate students who are actively engaged in the arts as lifelong learners.

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2025 ARSPA Schools of Merit

Arlington High School

Arlington, TN

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Eads, TN

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Lakeland, TN

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Nolensville High School

Nolensville, TN

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Wright Middle School

Nashville, TN

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