

Akins Creative Campus Profile

Results for 2016-2017 School Year: Arts Emerging-2

Based on the data provided in the Arts Inventory by the campus principal in the spring of 2017, Akins was found to be an **Arts Emerging-2** campus. Inventory responses and the associated Campus Creative scores are listed below. More information about how the Creative Campus score was calculated can be found on the following page.

Primary Creative Campus Components

	Response 2016-17	Score 2016-17	Change from 2015-16*
1. Sequential Fine Arts Instruction			
% of students taking the prescribed amount of fine arts classes during their tenure at your school	85%		
% of students exceeding the prescribed amount of fine arts classes during their tenure at your school	42%	1.5	
2. Creative Teaching Across the Curricula			
% of general classroom teachers who use creative teaching strategies or arts integrated instruction at least once a week	10-24%	1	=
3. Community Arts Partnerships			
Departments coordination partnerships during school time	1 Non-FA department	2.5	
Calculated # of hours of arts exposure per student during the school day	6.56		
4. After School			
# of art forms in which after school opportunities are offered for more than one ability level (e.g., beginning, intermediate, advanced)	5	4	=
Average score of components 1 through 4		2.25	

Additional Creative Campus Components

	Response 2016-17	Score 2016-17	Change from 2015-16*
5. Community Building Through the Arts			
Number of campus created arts experiences this year to engage families, faculty, and community [Criteria ≥ 10]	15	Yes	=
6. Leadership			
Arts goals and strategies are included in the Campus Improvement Plan (CIP) [Criteria = Yes]	Yes	Yes	
7. Communication			
Frequency of school communication to families about the value of creative learning in person or through print or social media [Criteria ≥ Once per semester]	At least monthly	Yes	=
8. Professional Development			
Percentage of teachers who participate in creative teaching or arts integration professional development [Criteria ≥ 50%]	Less than 50%	No	=
9. Facilities			
Campus facilities meet the 2008 Fine Arts Education Specifications or sufficiently accommodate arts programming [Criteria = Meets standard or able to make accommodations]	meets standard	Yes	=
Total number of additional criteria met		4	

*Note: " " denotes increase, " " denotes decrease, "=" denotes no change, and "n/a" denotes an impossible comparison

What Does it Mean to be an Arts Emerging-2 Campus?

Though your campus doesn't yet meet the full criteria of a Creative Campus, it is on that path since it qualifies as arts emerging. In arts emerging school, many students receive sequential fine arts instruction, less than half of teachers use creative teaching strategies at least once a week, and some community arts partnerships are cultivated both during and after school. To improve, encourage all teachers to attend CLI professional development and implement creative teaching regularly, develop new community arts partnerships in additional grade levels, and communicate more frequently with families about the value of creative learning.

Why does AISD Measure Creative Campus Scores for its campuses?

National research on creative learning shows that students attending arts-rich schools have higher levels of motivation and better academic and social success (Dwyer, 2011). In addition, prior research into the Creative Learning Initiative (CLI) in AISD indicated that the implementation of creative teaching strategies is related to increased levels of student engagement, attendance, greater academic achievement, and social emotional skills (Christian, Hasty, & Wang, 2017). Current AISD findings indicate that 36% of our secondary schools are already Creative Campuses (Figure 1). Because the arts benefit students academically and creatively, AISD, in collaboration with the City of Austin and MINDPOP, is strategically working towards achieving Creative Campuses for all students by 2022-2023 (MINDPOP, 2012).

Additional information

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