

Featured Arkansas A+ School:
BOOKER ARTS MAGNET SCHOOL

Booker Arts Magnet School provides a nurturing learning environment that encourages creativity, development of fine arts skills, and high academic achievement. Our students grow academically through experiencing the fine arts each day. Orchestra, band, rhythm instruments, vocal music, percussion instruments, and piano are components of the music program. The drama program supports language arts instruction by providing many performance opportunities for students enhanced by costumes, lighting, a sound system, and stage. Our creative movement program features dance and physical education activities. As you walk through our hallways, the creativity of our visual artists is quite evident. Booker Arts Magnet School is located near the I-30 and Roosevelt Road exit and is in the Little Rock School District.



Teachers are including experiential learning and integration of fine arts activities in their core curriculum instruction. Fine arts instructional specialists support core curriculum instruction through integration of content in their fine arts specialty areas. They also support literacy and math instruction through targeted small group instruction for identified students.

Teachers have enjoyed the high quality professional development that they have received from the Arkansas A+ Schools fellows. As a result of the professional development, they feel empowered to try new instructional strategies that result in further development of students' creativity. Parents and visitors have made positive comments about the student work that has been displayed. Students have been overheard commenting "learning is more fun with art".

A walk through our classrooms and hallways provides much evidence that our teachers are implementing instructional strategies learned during the Summer Institute and professional development provided since the Summer Institute. Walk through observations by building level and district administrators have also documented the use of Arkansas A+ Schools Eight Essentials in lesson planning and instruction.



Joseph R. Booker Arts Magnet Elementary School joined the Arkansas A+ Schools network in 2014.