EXPLORATION

WHAT IS ARTS INTEGRATION?

Arts integration is an approach to teaching and learning through which content standards are taught and assessed equitably in and through the arts.

HALLMARKS TO ARTS INTEGRATION:

• Content and Arts Standards are naturally aligned, taught and assessed equitably.

• Students MUST have access to explicit arts instruction on a regular (at least weekly) basis, taught by arts educators.

• Collaborative planning between content and arts educators is valued and scheduled intentionally.

• Professional development for teachers and arts educators is provided in arts integration strategies and processes.

• The entire school community (parents, organizations, businesses, etc) are partners with the school in support of the approach.

ARTS INTEGRATION PROCESS:

1. Pick what topic/idea you want to teach.

2. Collaborate with arts educators to align naturally connected standards and develop a lesson that interweaves both standards equitably.

3. Teach the lesson ensuring that there is integrity to both subjects.

4. Assess student work in both content areas.

BENEFITS TO USING ARTS INTEGRATION INCLUDE:

STUDENT BUY-IN
Students become active participants in their learning when the arts are intentionally integrated.

CRITICAL THINKING SKILLS
Students engage in critical thinking and construct personal meaning through their learning in arts integrated lessons.

EMPOWERMENT
Instructors become facilitators of creative learning and art empowered in their own professional growth.

EQUITY
Yields an equitable learning environment for all learners through their own access points.

CONNECTIVE LEARNING
Furnishes a research-based pathway to teaching 21st century learning skills and natural avenues for differentiation.