

O. Henry 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, O. Henry 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	68%		
% of students exceeding the prescribed amount of fine arts classes during their tenure at your school	49%	0.5	
2. Creative Teaching Across the Curricula			
% of general classroom teachers who use creative teaching strategies or arts integrated instruction at least once a week	25-49%	2	
3. Community Arts Partnerships			
Departments coordination partnerships during school			

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

Creative Campus Goals at O. Henry

Each year, school leaders develop a Campus Improvement Plan (CIP). Despite there being no district requirement to do so, in 2016-2017 77% of secondary schools made CIP goals related to becoming a more Creative Campus. O. Henry set the following goal: *"Increase the number of students enrolled in fine arts."*

At the end of the year, school leaders reflected on their progress, as follows:

Progress: "Somewhat accomplished"

Challenges: "Students in 6th grade are currently only taking one elective other than PE. Fine Arts may not be their first choice."

Successful Strategies: "Community support, parent and teacher support."

Distribution of Arts Partners by Subject Area at O. Henry

As schools engage with community arts partners they distribute those experiences across different departments, different grades and representing different art forms and different cultures. These calculations are provided to help reflect on the current distribution of arts partners and art form to help guide future choices.

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