

Arts Integration Academy

The Guilford County Schools Arts Integration Academy (GCS-AIA) represents a partnership between a large urban school district, a major –State funded university and a community of artists, galleries, theaters and museums. The goals of the project are

Improve teacher integration of arts learning, content knowledge and pedagogy

Expand integrates arts learning opportunities for teachers

Increase integrated arts learning opportunities for students

Increase partner and community engagement in integrates arts learning

Over the course of four years Guilford County schools intends to use online and face-to-face courses taught by university arts integration experts, in- classroom coaching by resident artists and university faculty, virtual peer observation and feedback, professional learning communities principal training to increase arts education opportunities and positively impact academic outcomes for students who are disadvantaged, disables and /or underrepresented. In total 18 schools, 90 teachers and approximately 150 community partners will be impacted by the project.