



KENMORE MIDDLE SCHOOL

Arts and Communications Technology Focus

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This school is fully accredited by the State of Virginia and through the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

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Kenmore Middle School is an arts and communications technology focus school where the Arlington middle school curriculum is taught through the arts as well as through communications technology. Kenmore is entering its 16th year with an arts focus program that includes a longstanding partnership with the Kennedy Center. Because of the school's focus on both arts and technology, students are engaged in learning activities that involve dance/movement, drama, painting, sculpture, and music as well as various forms of instructional technology.

Kenmore earned international recognition in 2011 as the SMART Showcase School of the Year because of its innovative use of technology. Students have access to computer labs, video conferences, laptops, SMART boards, distance learning classes, interactive response systems, television production studios, as well as many Web-based applications.

The school's focus provides students with alternative ways to learn. Based on Howard Gardner's Theory of Multiple Intelligences, the program seeks to encourage students to use all eight intelligences: musical, visual, verbal, logical, kinesthetic, interpersonal, intrapersonal and environmental. In addition to paper and pencil tasks, students are assessed using multimedia presentations, such as the Duke Ellington project that was shared with President Obama when he visited the school in the spring of 2011. Thus, learning at Kenmore is active, hands-on, and connected to real life experiences.

Kenmore is a member of the Kennedy Center's Changing Education Through the Arts partnership. The partnership provides teachers with the tools and resources to integrate the arts into classroom instruction. Students from throughout Arlington attend Kenmore. Bus transportation is provided for those living outside the neighborhood attendance zone.



INSTRUCTIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

- Partnerships with the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, Bowen-McCauley Dance, the Coast Guard, U.S. Army Band, Educational Theater Company and SMART
- Changing Education Through the Arts (CETA)
- SMART Showcase School of the Year 2011
- Kenmore Cougar News program
- Math Counts
- Multimedia classes & Video Journalism
- Dance
- Enrichment activities at the Phillips Collection; the Outdoor Lab; the Kennedy Center; Mt. Vernon; and Edgewater, Maryland
- Advanced orchestra and band
- Sixth Grade Showtime elective
- Life skills classes
- Intensified mathematics
- Distance learning Latin, Chinese, Arabic and geometry classes
- Act II - additional electives offered from 2:30-4:15 p.m.
- Career Day
- Science Night, Coffee Houses, poetry readings, Pi Day, Market Day, and a host of other content-specific celebrations of learning
- All-school field trip to the Kennedy Center
- Focus Fest
- MIPA Program

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION 2010-11

- Site of Presidential School Visit, March 2011
- Recognition by Ballston Hilton for leadership excellence promoting the Earth Charter Principles
- Selected by USAID as a host site for an International Teacher Exchange Program with Pakistan
- VIP visit to the United States Capitol
- Thirty-six applicants to the START Merit Scholarship program
- Awarded Virginia Commission for the Arts Grant to support Bowen McCauley Dance
- Duke Ellington performance featured at Taste of Arlington
- Biannual dance recitals
- Scholastic Art Competition winners
- Band performance awards
- Chorus featured at Showcase Festival in Hershey Park
- Student poetry publications
- Knowledge Masters academic awards
- Science fair winners and seven participants in the Virginia Junior Academy of Science state level science fair