

KOKOMO PERFORMING ARTS



"Elementary age children who are involved in music lessons show greater brain development and memory improvement within a year than children who receive no musical training."

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Kokomo School Corporation opened an integrated arts school in the fall of 2012 based on community input regarding educational learning opportunities for students and a desire for increased learning opportunities especially through the arts. From this, a comprehensive integrated arts curriculum and concept school was designed from the ground up. In this true, comprehensive integrated arts school, students study a core curriculum in an environment that integrates the arts into all key concepts. Students utilize the arts to demonstrate mastery of concepts on a daily basis; including visual arts, dance, movement, drama, musical arts, and much more. The school was designed with faculty from Butler University and through guidance by integrated arts programs offered by the Kennedy Center for Performing Arts.

In addition to integrated arts, students learn piano keyboarding and violin for 30 minutes each day. Students also have classes in rhythm and movement and visual arts multiple times a week. In order to accommodate this program, a gym was transformed into an auditorium. A current expansion is underway that will add a black box dance studio, a pottery room, a new piano laboratory, and a violin studio that includes individual practice areas as well as a group performance area (this expansion is scheduled to open in August 2014).

