REACH 2018 – Summer Arts Program
for Artistically Gifted and Talented Students

Program Notification

Sumter School District's program for students gifted in the arts, REACH, is again offering a summer arts program for students currently in grades 3-11 that have been identified as gifted in visual arts, music (chorus) or theatre. Students are identified for this gifted program in a three-step process under South Carolina guidelines. This process includes:

1. Request for Screening – Students may be referred by a parent, teacher, administrator or student. **Due December 1, 2017 or before.**
2. Initial Screening – Completed at the school level (upon receipt of Request for Screening – December 19, 2017)
3. Final Screening - District level auditions (February 10, 2018)

During the initial screening, teachers are looking for students whose interest and ability demonstrate potential in a specified arts area. Students may be screened in one or all of the three areas. Those who qualify in more than one area will have to choose one area of focus for program participation.

Artistically Gifted and Talented Students....

- Display talent beyond that of their peers in one or more arts areas (visual arts, music or theatre).
- Show potential for performing at remarkably high level of accomplishment when compared to their peers.
- Exhibit high performance capability in intellectual, creative, and/or artistic areas.
- Possess an unusual leadership capacity, or excel in specific academic fields.
- Require services or activities not ordinarily provided by the schools.

Outstanding talents are present in children and youth from all cultural groups, across all economic strata, and in all areas of human endeavor.

If you feel that your child has exceptional talent in one or more of the arts areas and you would like for your child to be screened for the REACH 2018 program, please complete the referral form on the back and return it to your child’s school **by or before December 1, 2017**. As you consider requesting screening for your child, please keep the following items in mind:

- Many students who request screening do not meet the criteria under the gifted guidelines.
- Students selected for the REACH program will be expected to participate in three Super Saturday Workshops scheduled for March 24, 2018, April 28, 2018, and May 19, 2018 from 8:30 – 2:30.
- Students are expected to attend the entire summer session, June 11-28, 2018. Summer workshop classes are held 8:30 – 2:30, Monday-Thursday only.
- This is **NOT** a summer camp. Students will be involved in an intense study in their art area. Only students who are committed to this kind of study should request screening.
- Summer Arts classes will meet at Crestwood High School. Limited transportation will be available. Lunch and snack will be provided daily.

If you would like more information concerning the screening and selection process, please visit [http://www.sumterschools.net/](http://www.sumterschools.net/) or contact Heather Clemmons, REACH Program Supervisor for Sumter School District at 774-5500 ext. 122.