



**Department of Education**

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# ANNUAL ARTS IN SCHOOLS REPORT 2014-2015

## Elm Tree Elementary School (24Q211)

Principal: Donna Estro

Arts Education Liaison: Betsy Garcia

Enrollment	Asian	Black	Hispanic	White	Other	Female	ELL	Special Education
271	6 %	5 %	87 %	2 %	0 %	50 %	65 %	13 %

Dear School Community,

This report provides a view of the arts education opportunities you are providing for your students based on your responses to the *Annual Arts Education Survey* in May 2015 and includes information from the New York City Department of Education's databases.

The *Annual Arts in Schools Report* is an important part of the New York Department of Education's efforts to ensure that schools are providing students with high-quality arts education they need and deserve. The report has been created to help school leaders, parents, and teachers understand how they can improve student learning in the arts, building on the Blueprint for Teaching and Learning in the Arts which provides detailed PreK-12 curricula aligned with State standards:  
<http://schools.nyc.gov/offices/teachlearn/arts/blueprint.html>.

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### New York State Guidelines and Requirements for Arts Education

The New York State Education Department (NYSED) has specific guidelines and requirements for arts instruction.

At the elementary level, in grades PreK-6, students should receive instruction in dance, music, theater, and visual arts. In addition, NYSED recommends that students spend a specific allocation of hours learning in the arts.

At the middle school level, in grades 7 and 8, the NYSED expects that students achieve, by the end of grade 8 one half-unit in dance, music, theater, or visual arts, and second half-unit in a second arts discipline.

At the high school level, the NYSED requires that all students graduate having taken at least two credits in the arts (dance, music, theater, and/or visual arts).

For more information see:  
<http://schools.nyc.gov/offices/teachlearn/arts/nysartsrequirements.html>

## School's Arts Program Description

**This school has submitted the following description of its arts program:**  
 Elm Tree Elementary School is a full Dual Language School which embraces and celebrates the cultures and arts of the countries from which our students and families descend. Our arts program is built around a cultural curriculum which includes visual, theater, dance and music related to the culture and history of the countries being studied. Our program consists of five units each year that cover five countries representing our school population. Each unit culminates with a school-wide arts celebration that promotes family engagement. To extend our students' opportunities to study the arts outside of the school day, we partner with Cool Culture each year. Cool Culture partners with the City's finest cultural institutions to ensure that our families can tap into the rich New York City cultural pipeline and provide their children with experiences critical to school success. Elm Tree is also an All Star Move-to-Improve school! All staff members have been trained and certified in Move-to-Improve, a series of activities and dance movements that are incorporated into daily classroom instruction. We have also partnered with both Home Depot and ASTEP (Artists Striving to End Poverty). Home Depot provides hands-on workshops, giving our students the opportunity to work with a variety of materials and tools to construct everyday items they can use at home. ASTEP connects performing and visual artists with underserved youth to awaken their imaginations, foster critical thinking, and help them break the cycle of poverty.

## Arts Disciplines Provided

This school reported providing the following arts disciplines to each of the following grades:

Arts Discipline	Grades Provided
Dance	
Music	
Theater	K, 1
Visual Arts	K, 1

## School Progress in Meeting New York State Education Requirements

### Kindergarten

In 2014-2015, students in Kindergarten received instruction in the following arts disciplines provided by school-based teachers and/or staff from arts and cultural organizations:

Arts Discipline	School-based Teachers	Arts and Cultural Organizations
Dance	No	No
Music	No	No
Theater	Yes	No
Visual Arts	Yes	No

Note: New York State does not have a specific instructional hour requirement in the arts for Kindergarten students.

Note: At the elementary level only, "school-based teachers" may include: classroom teacher; full- or part time certified arts teachers; or cluster teachers not certified in the arts, who are assigned to provide arts instruction.

### Grades 1-5

This table reflects a range of average arts instructional hours per class on an annual basis provided by school-based teachers and/or staff from arts and cultural organizations:

Grade	Dance		Music		Theater		Visual Arts	
	School-based Teacher(s)	Arts and Cultural Organizations						
1	0 hrs	0 hrs	0 hrs	0 hrs	21-30 hrs	0 hrs	21-30 hrs	0 hrs

Note: Instructional hours reflect an approximate range within each discipline category for school year 2014-2015 including standard assessment students.

Note: At the elementary level only, "school-based teachers" may include: classroom teacher; full- or part time certified arts teachers; or cluster teachers not certified in the arts, who are assigned to provide arts instruction.

### Pull-Out or Multi-Grade Activities

This school reported providing arts instruction through "pull out" or multi-grade activities during the school day:

Grade	Dance	Music	Theater	Visual Arts
K	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
1	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

## Indicators of Student Access to Arts Education

### Arts Events

In 2014-2015, students in this school participated in the following arts learning opportunities at the school site and /or outside the school:

Arts Learning Opportunities	Number of Events Held At the School Site	Number of Events Held Outside the School Site
Concerts		
Dance performances	1	
Theater performances		
Artwork exhibits	4	
Films		
Other	0	10

## Resources to Support Arts Education

### Certified Arts Teachers

In 2014-2015, this school reported the following number of certified arts teachers:

Arts Discipline	Number of Full-Time Certified Arts Teachers	Number of Part-Time Certified Arts Teachers
Dance	0	0
Music	0	0
Theater	0	0
Visual Arts	0	0

### Arts and Cultural Organizations

In 2014-2015, the following arts and cultural organizations provided services to this school:

Arts and Cultural Organizations	Arts Discipline	Total Number of Students Served	Total Contact Hours Per Student
Artists Striving to End Poverty	Dance	230	1
Home Depot	Visual Arts	100	1
Cool Culture	Other	230	10

### Professional Development

Arts and non-arts teachers at this school attended the following professional development opportunities during the 2014-2015 school year:

Professional Development Provider	Teacher Participated
Central DOE, Cluster, or Network	
District	
University	
Cultural Organization	
In-House	
Other	

### Arts Space

In 2014-2015, this school reported the following number of classrooms or other school facilities are used for arts instruction:

Arts Discipline	Number of Classrooms or Other School Facilities Designed and Used Solely for the Arts	Number of Classrooms or Other School Facilities Multipurpose for the Arts
Auditorium (seating, stage, basic sound system, lighting system, etc.)	0	11
Dance (dance floor, mirrors, barres, etc.)	0	11
Film Studio (computer and editing access, cameras, etc.)	0	11
Music (audio equipment, storage for instruments, or equipment)	0	11
Theater Classroom (flexible seating, basic sound system, lighting system, etc.)	0	11
Visual Arts (studio tables or desks, visual arts storage, etc.)		11

**External Funding for the Arts**

In 2014-2015, this school reported the following funding sources (non-DOE) to support arts education:

Funding Source	Response
Private Foundation	No
Local Business or Corporation	No
Parent Teacher Associations (PTA/PA)	No
State, county local arts councils	No
Federal, state, or city Grants	No
Cultural Organizations	No
Education association	No

## Notes

- The Annual Arts in Schools Report is based on schools' responses to the 2014-2015 NYCDOE Annual Arts Education Survey as well as from NYCDOE databases.
- Data on arts instruction provided by school-based teachers to students in Kindergarten through sixth grade were retrieved from the NYCDOE Scheduling, Transcripts, and Academic Reporting System (STARS) database.
- Data on sixth through twelfth grade students participating in arts classes; high school sequences; the NYSED middle school arts requirement; and the NYSED high school arts requirements were retrieved from the NYCDOE STARS database.
- Full-time certified teacher data were retrieved from the NYCDOE Division of Human Resources.
- All data are based on arts instruction offered during the school day. This Annual Arts in Schools Report does not report on after school, weekend, and summer arts education.
- Throughout this report, a blank field represents "none" or no data provided.

## Definitions

- "Pull-out" programs refer to those school day instructional activities that are scheduled for groupings of students across a grade or grades and not by official class.
- An Individualized Education Plan (IEP) describes the special education and related services specifically designed to meet the unique educational needs of a student with a disability. An IEP is the guiding document for a student's educational program. It includes all of the goals, objectives, present levels of performance and related services that are recommended for the student.

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