Teaching Artists enrich classroom learning with hands-on experiences individually designed to fit your school goals.

ARTS Residencies promote perseverance, collaboration, problem solving and communication skills in students.

PERKINS CENTER FOR THE ARTS
Perkins Center ARTS Residencies help schools support social, emotional, and academic growth through the arts.

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Since 1992, Perkins Center has been a provider of In-School Arts Residencies.

The ARTS (Arts Reaching the Students) in-school residency program places professional artists in local schools for residencies ranging in length from 6 to 20 days.

Individually designed projects build visual skills, develop deliberate habits of mind, teach problem-solving strategies and encourage communication among students.

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THE END OF THE YEAR IS USUALLY A TIME OF HEIGHTENED ENERGY, EXCITEMENT AND EVEN ANXIETY AMONG OUR STUDENTS. PERKINS’ DRUM RESIDENCY WITH SANGUE ALLOWED US ALL TO CHANNEL THAT EXCITING ENERGY IN A POSITIVE WAY.

Dr. Charles Warfield, Principal
Clyde S. Jennings Elementary

ARTS RESIDENCIES
Perkins Center for the Arts has been committed to arts education throughout its history. The Center offers arts and training programs for students, teachers, service organizations, and schools.

Teaching Artists
Perkins Center’s teaching artists work closely with the school’s art and classroom teachers to incorporate the New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards, 21st Century Skills and the National Arts Standards into the learning process. In addition, Teaching Artists can help schools achieve their objectives in Arts Integration and STEAM learning.

Custom Arts Experiences
Past Perkins Center ARTS programs have introduced students to a variety of media, including papermaking, fabric arts, sculpture, painting, theater, dance and mural arts. Themes incorporated into the residencies have included cultural diversity, environmental sustainability, social responsibility, and individual school themes related to character values and year-long study areas.

Professional Development
In addition to ARTS Residencies for students, Perkins Center facilitates artist-led Professional Development/In-Service programs for educators. The in-service program is designed with the Curriculum Supervisor and can be adapted across grade levels.