



The mission of Global Arts Plus is to provide a quality, comprehensive, arts-infused education.

Global Arts Plus is a dual campus, with grades PreK-4 at the Lower Campus and grades 5-8 at the Upper Campus. Both campuses infuse the arts into the curriculum, using hands-on creative experiences to support core academics. After completing 5th grade at the Upper Campus, students transition seamlessly into middle school at the same site – where their teachers already know them. Our weekly Friday Gathering gives everyone a chance to share the experience of being a presenter, performer or appreciative audience member. Students also share their work with the broader St. Paul community through the Fourth Grade Opera, poetry slams and art exhibitions. Partnerships and residencies offer remarkable arts experiences, both at school and in arts venues throughout the community including field trips to Orchestra Hall, Children’s Theatre and the Ordway.

(Lower PreK-4)

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(Upper 5-8)

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The Family Engagement Plan (FEP) is organized into four impact areas. We will be working together this year to build positive and goal-oriented relationships in each area. Families and staff at school developed this plan together.

Welcoming Environment	
<p>Our school has staff member(s) available for families to discuss this plan and ask questions</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Principal Chreese Jones ● Vice Principal Al Levin (Lower Campus) ● Vice Principal Sharon Hendrix (Upper Campus) ● Cultural Specialist Mary Kasper (Upper Campus) ● Learning Lead Dr. Jennie Deming (Lower Campus)
<p>Our school communicates with families in many ways.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Our PreK-5 grade teachers send home weekly newsletters. ● Our school sends home a newsletter, the Global Arts Plus Newsletter, monthly to all families. This newsletter includes information from both campuses. The principal’s page in the newsletter is updated monthly with information about what has been happening, as well as upcoming events. ● We send emails and recorded phone messages to all families frequently with school news and information. ● We utilize our teaching and educational assistants to connect with our families in their home language. ● When families call, email, or send a note, we do our best to respond within 24 hours.
<p>The achievement gap, or rather the “opportunity gap,” between students of color and white</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● For more about our work on racial equity, contact: Chreese Jones, Principal

<p>students in Saint Paul Public Schools is unacceptable. Our school is working to change practices and systems by identifying the barriers that make it harder for students of color to succeed and for their families to support their learning.</p>	
<p>Transitions between schools can be challenging, and we work to help families as their children start and leave our school.</p>	<p>For new students and families, we support the transition by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● We host an Information Night/Open House at each campus in the spring to welcome new families, give tours, and answer questions. ● We offer a smooth transition from our lower elementary PreK-4 students to our upper grades 5-8 campus. ● We offer tours to families that can be scheduled at their convenience. At the middle school level, we allow (and encourage) new prospective students to shadow current students. ● Our PreK students visit the kindergarten classrooms in the spring and meet the kindergarten teachers. <p>For students and families moving to the next school in their pathway, we support the transition by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Middle school students receive support in transitions from our counselor and foundation teachers.

Family Partnerships	
<p>Our school-parent compact establishes the shared responsibility for student success between the school, families, and students. Families and teachers work together to develop the compact.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Copies of the compact are available: Parents will receive a copy of the school-parent compact at our fall conferences. There are also copies of the compact available in the school offices and a link on the school website. ● The compact will be updated: Spring 2021
<p>There are many opportunities for families to build connections to the school and to each other.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Title I Annual Meeting where we will share information about school programs: There will be a meeting held in October 2020. ● We host weekly Gatherings, all-school assemblies in which students showcase what they have been learning through the arts. Families are always invited and encouraged to attend our Gatherings. ● Our PTA meetings are held monthly. These are open to all families. Global Arts Plus PTA Website ● National African American Parent Involvement Day (NAAPID): February 8, 2021 ● Art Residencies offer a variety of multicultural experiences for students: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ PreK: Yoga Calm ○ Kindergarten: Scandanavian Folk Songs and Dance

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<p>We work to make these meetings and events available for every family in the school.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● We have five bilingual paraprofessionals who speak six different languages all together. We attempt to translate into each of the languages any important messages that are sent home. ● We offer taxis/buses to all of our evening events. We also offer childcare at our PTA meetings. ● We have our multi-lingual paraprofessionals attend events so that they can interpret for our EL families. In addition, our paraprofessionals make direct calls to the homes to invite families to our evening events.
<p>Our school supports families as advocates and provides opportunities for parent leadership</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● If parents are concerned about their child’s learning, they are encouraged to first speak with their child’s teacher. If concerns persist, they are encouraged to meet with an administrator. ● Staff will receive professional development during opening week and ongoing throughout the year during professional development days. ● Families will be involved in planning for school improvement and family engagement through feedback given directly to the school. Families may also attend the monthly PTA meetings to provide feedback.

Teaching and Learning

Our school shares information about state standards, assessment and student achievement with families in multiple ways

- **Report cards and progress reports** will be distributed mid quarter in the middle school (Grades 6-8) and at conferences for the elementary school students (Grades K-5).
- **Parent-Teacher conferences** are held in the fall and in the spring. Parents are also encouraged to request to meet with their child’s teacher at any time if they feel that there is a need.
- **Classroom teachers** will provide specific information on students’ reading in PreK-4, if not at grade level.
- Parents/Guardians of PreK-4 students are invited to speak directly to their child’s classroom teacher in order to find **specific ways to help their child build reading skills** at home if not at grade level.
- Global Arts Plus will be hosting a **math and a literacy night** to provide information to parents/guardians.
- Parents/Guardians, as well as middle school students, will be provided with training on how to access the **Parent/Student portal**.

Our school will engage in personalized learning as a key strategy to accelerate student achievement. Parents can get more information using many tools.

- Parent log-in information can be accessed at spps.org/onestop or by asking the school clerk
- **Parent Portal** is available by contacting the main office at either of the two campuses.
- We rolled out **1:1 iPads** in the winter of 2014. We will continue to connect and set up iPads with families who are new to our building and school district. We will inform families of the school and district policies around responsible use and iPad expectations.
- **Schoology and Seesaw** – Classroom Teachers in grades K-8 will provide information to families about the use of these learning management systems in the classroom.

Many before- and after-school enrichment and support opportunities are available for students

- We have an **early start program** that provides academic support for students in grades K-8. In addition, four days a week of after-school programming is available to students grades 5-8. After-school programming is available two days a week to students grades 2-4.

Community Partnerships

Our school develops community partnerships to provide additional support for students and their families

- Global Arts Plus is an arts-focused school. Therefore, we have many **arts partnerships**: Global Minnesota, the Perpich Center for Arts Education, Art of Counseling, and the Ordway Center for the Performing Arts
- Peacemaker Minnesota
- Project Kofi (Upper Campus)
- Summit Hill Association, Linwood Recreation Center, Palace Recreation Center, Fort Road Federation
- We currently partner with Macalester College to provide tutors at the Lower and Upper Campuses (Bonner Scholars).
- We collaborate with Athletes Committed to Educating Students (ACES) to provide mentors and academic support for K-8 students every morning.
- We plan to build mentorships between our two campuses, as well as between our Upper Campus and Creative Arts High School and Central High School.

This plan is available as part of our school's SCIP, or School Comprehensive Improvement Plan at spps.org/scip, is on our school website at spps.org/globalartsplus, and printed copies are available in the office.