

Kenmore Middle School

Arts and Communications Technology Focus

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This school is accredited through the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.



Kenmore Middle School is an arts and communications technology focus school.

At **Kenmore** the Arlington middle school curriculum is taught through the arts and communica-

tions technology. Students are actively engaged in learning activities that involve dance/movement, drama, visual arts, music and many forms of communications technology. This delivery method provides students with alternative ways to learn the curriculum. Additionally, a special three-week summer Arts and Technology Institute is available to students each July. Based on Howard Gardner's Theory of Multiple Intelligences, the program seeks to encourage students to use all eight intelligences – musical, visual, verbal, logical, kinesthetic, interpersonal, intra-personal and environmental. In addition to paper and pencil tasks, students are assessed using portfolios, multimedia presentations, video and visual and performing arts works. Thus, learning at **Kenmore** is active, hands-on and connected to real life experiences. At **Kenmore** we believe this is the best way to learn, as research tells us that children remember 24 percent of what they hear, 40 percent of what they see and

70 percent of a multisensory experience. **Kenmore** is a member of the Kennedy Center and Schools: Changing Education through the Arts partnership. This partnership provides teachers with the tools and resources to effectively integrate the arts into classroom instruction. Although **Kenmore** has a prescribed attendance zone, students from throughout Arlington County attend **Kenmore** upon request. Bus transportation is provided for these students.



Goals

All of our schools set annual goals. Our school's goals are listed here.

- Kenmore students will demonstrate high academic achievement as the gap in achievement between identifiable student subgroups decreases.
- Students will participate in a rich and rigorous curriculum that integrates arts and communication technology and supports and responds to each student's talents and challenges.
- Provide a safe, healthy and nurturing environment that fosters intellectual, emotional and physical growth.
- Parents are encouraged to participate in the life of the school.

Instructional Highlights*

All Arlington middle schools teach the adopted curricula and offer gifted services, special education services, reading support and English language support to those students who qualify. Yet each school's program is a little different. These are some of the instructional features of our school's program.

- Arts and communications technology focus where the curriculum is taught through the arts and communications technology. Students are engaged in learning activities which involve dance/movement, drama, visual arts, music, and many forms of communications technology.
- Changing Education Through the Arts (CETA)
- Partnerships with the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, Virginia Macintosh Users' Groups and the Coast Guard
- Artists in residence have included Jon Spelman (Storytelling), Bowen-McCauley Dance, The Education Theater Company, Magpie, Wordbeat, and the Shakespeare Theater
- Advanced art class
- Kenmore Cougar News program
- Humanities Project programs
- Math Counts
- Multimedia classes
- Dance classes
- Enrichment activities have been conducted at the Phillips Collection; the Outdoor Lab; the Kennedy Center; the Holocaust Museum; Edgewater, Maryland; New York City and the Chamber Theatre Encore Performance
- Advanced orchestra and band
- Jazz Band
- Sixth Grade Show Time elective
- Lifeskill classes
- Leadership Institute Symposium
- Intensified mathematics, English and science
- Remedial mathematics and language arts
- All-School Field Trip
- Distance learning Latin and geometry classes
- Act II - Additional electives offered from 2:30-4:05 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays

Awards and Recognition*

We're proud of the accomplishments of our students and staff. Here are some of their accomplishments.

- Teacher won Virginia Commonwealth Academy Recognition in Education (CARE) Award
- School awarded \$65,000 technology grant from Beaumont Foundation
- School recipient of \$15,000 Technology Incentive Grant from Audio Enhancement
- Three teachers awarded *The Washington Post* Mini Grants
- First Place and Honorable Mention in Hispanic Heritage Art Contest, sponsored by *The Washington Post* and Ford Motor Company
- First Place state PTA Reflections contest winner in musical competition
- Students in All-County Honors Band and Orchestra
- First Place, Music Showcase Festival, band
- Two Silver Keys, four Honorable Mentions, Scholastic Art Competition

Special Activities and Community Service

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| ■ Student Council Association | ■ Homework clubs |
| ■ Pep rallies | ■ National Junior Honor Society |
| ■ Leadership Academy | ■ Chess Club |
| ■ After-school study center | ■ Student volunteers in community |
| ■ Teen Advisory Board | ■ Cyber Seniors |
| ■ Check-In | ■ High Intensity Language Training (HILT) Homework Club |
| ■ FCCLA (Family, Career Community/ Leaders of America) | ■ MASH (Mandatory After School Study Hall) |
| ■ Counseling groups | ■ Future Business Leaders of America |
| ■ Talent show | ■ DARE Dance |
| ■ Intramurals | |
| ■ After school computer lab | |
| ■ Knowledge Masters | |
| ■ Yearbook | |
| ■ Math competitions | |

Opportunities for Parental Involvement

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| ■ Focus Fest | ■ Counseling Advisory Committee |
| ■ Kenmore Summer Arts and Technology Institute | ■ Hispanic Parents Group |
| ■ Assist with parent orientations for rising fifth graders | ■ Parent/Teacher conferences in the fall and spring |
| ■ All-school field trip | ■ Parent Advisory Committee |
| ■ High Intensity Language Training (HILT) activities | ■ Parents serve on Focus, Technology and Tutor/Mentor Committees. |
| ■ Assist with classroom projects and field trips | ■ School Web Page |
| ■ Health Screenings | ■ Fundraising (Silent Auction) |
| ■ School Science Fair | ■ Career Day |
| ■ PTA | |

Intramural Sports

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| ■ Flag Football | ■ Badminton |
| ■ Tennis | ■ Softball |
| ■ Soccer | ■ Floor Hockey |
| ■ Basketball | ■ Indoor Soccer |
| ■ Volleyball | |

Technology*

Student access to technology is an Arlington priority. All of our schools have state-of-the-art computer labs, teacher voice mail, access to the Internet and a school home page. While students have access to some older computers for backup or overflow, the number of new and mid-level stations used for instruction and testing are reported below.

Number of computer stations in labs and classrooms: 387
Student Stations: 295
Teacher Stations: 92
Number of computer labs: 7
School Information Telephone Line: yes
Mobil Laptop Labs: 4
Technology-Rich Classrooms with Smartboards and Audio Enhancement Systems: 12

School Safety

To effectively promote the learning and teaching needed to achieve our high academic goals, we believe it is important to provide a safe school that is free of disruption.

Fire Drills Per Year: 13
School Bus Drills Per Year: 2
Safety Assemblies: yes
Youth Resource Officer: yes
Emergency Preparedness Drills: 4

Transportation

20% ride the bus and live more than 1 1/2 miles from school
80% live within the 1 1/2 mile walking zone
Transportation is available countywide

School Population*

Total Student Enrollment: 723
Students who receive English as a second language support: 120
Asian/Pacific Islander: 12.9%
Black: 18.8%
Hispanic: 43.8%
White: 23.9%
Unspecified: 0.6%
Total Teaching Faculty: 79
Total Administrators: 4
Teachers with a master's degree or beyond: 51
Average Years of Teaching Experience in Arlington: 7
Total Average Years of Teaching Experience: 11

2005-06 Test Results

Virginia State Accreditation Status: Fully Accredited
Adequate Yearly Progress (according to federal NCLB guidelines): No
More detailed information about testing results is available at:
www.arlington.k12.va.us/admin_serv/plan_eval/demog.
Virginia School Report Cards at:
www.doe.virginia.gov/VDOE/src/vasrc-reportcard-intropage.shtml

Each of Arlington's schools is unique and this report is intended to give you a brief description of your child's school and its programs. It also highlights the achievements of the school in a variety of areas that are important to your child's education.
*Indicates 2005-06 data.