



Creative Character Empowers Artists

WHY ARTS?

The Arts are not merely beautiful or aesthetic. The arts are created through rigor. The arts hold meaning that enhance and change lives. The arts build and strengthen communities.

Authentic engagement in the arts will lead to Creative Character; a motivating force that will enable students to succeed across the curriculum and beyond.

Dorchester Academy Arts Core Beliefs:

1. The Arts are rigorous
2. The Arts teach transferrable skills for college, career, and life success
3. The Arts have the ability to inspire, transform, and change
4. The Arts provide multiple entry points and new perspectives
5. The Arts create connections to the World

CREATIVE CHARACTER FRAMEWORK

The Creative Character Framework is an organizational tool that communicates the competencies that students obtain through quality arts teaching and learning at Dorchester Academy. The embodiment of these skills through out the high school journey will engage students in ways that will greatly benefit them in academic study. Students will utilize these important transferrable skills that will assist them in college, career, and life success.

CONFIDENCE	Take Positive Risks: Try New Things Be Curious Be Brave Be Playful	21st CENTURY SKILLS Presentation/Public Speaking
PERSEVERANCE	Overcome Challenges Utilize Mistakes as Opportunities Develop Artistic Rigor	Problem Solving
LEADERSHIP	Lead by Example Listen to Other Ideas/Be Open Demonstrate Cultural Competency Mentor Others	Interpretation Communication Collaboration
PURPOSE	Express Yourself Share Your Vision Share Your Identity Connect with the World	Critical Thinking Analytical Thinking Reflection
TENACITY	Advocate for Yourself Challenge Yourself Maintain High Expectations	Responsibility