ArtSmart Policies

ArtSmart Study Units
At no cost to your school*, professional artists will lead multi-visit classroom explorations that make ArtSmart Focus Work performances especially engaging, meaningful, and memorable for students. Eligible schools call 615-687-4285 to contract for teaching artist services. *NOTE: Out-of-county schools pay $100 to offset TA mileage costs.

Eligible Schools:
Private and public Davidson and bordering county schools having:
- at least one Arts Integration Institute-trained teacher;
- a minimum of four participating classrooms;
- a volunteer ArtSmart Contact Teacher to facilitate communication between team, TPAC Ed and teaching artist.

Prerequisite Training in Arts Integration
School teams that contract for TA services commit to professional development in Arts Integration. Teacher lessons integrate a focus work with standards to deepen students’ TPAC field trip experience.

- Level One: Refresher / Collaborative Planning Session
  This three-hour, after-school, arts integration workshop takes place at your school approximately eight weeks before your performance field trip. Explore the focus work and uncover ways it connects to school and district learning objectives while enjoying a delicious box supper.

- Level Two: Arts Integration Institute
  Multi-day seminars, offered twice annually, include hands-on exploration of two or more focus works of art. School teams choose one as the basis for planning an arts-integration project to implement at school.

- Level Three: ArtSmart Certification
  Teachers become ArtSmart certified by completing three Arts Integration Institute Seminars and three Arts Integration Projects within six years.
Expectations Regarding Study Unit Partnership:

1. Study Unit teams follow all HOT procedures in arranging for their performance field trip and attending the show at TPAC.

2. Contact Teacher works with team members and assigned teaching artist to set an ArtSmart Study Unit TA visits schedule that works for all. *Immediately notify TA and Contact Teacher* of any adjustments to the TA visits schedule.

3. All team members fully attend the three-hour Refresher/ Collaborative Planning Session. (Box supper provided).

4. All team members actively participate in TA visits with their students.

5. Team members never leave a TA alone with students *for even a few seconds*.

6. Team members plan and teach lessons that integrate your chosen ArtSmart *Focus Work* with standards.

Important courtesy to Teaching Artists:
In the event your school must *cancel a Contract for TA services*, *Notify TA and TPAC Education* no later than one month prior to the Refresher Collaborative Planning Session to avoid negative impact on TA income.