# UAL & PERFORMING ARTS Reference Guide For Springfield Admin

## OUR VISION

We value the arts as a dynamic force that enriches the lives of students, their families, our schools, and our entire community. Springfield will be acknowledged as a distinctive center for arts education where students are empowered to lead and create, and every student in every school has equal access to high-quality, culturally relevant, standards-based, sequential arts programs.

# INSTRUCTION

The MA Arts Frameworks are the foundation for all VPA curricula. Educators will use their curriculum pacing guides and unit plans to support lesson planning in art, dance, music, and theater. All lessons will focus on four Core Artistic Practices: (1) Creating, (2) Presenting/ Performing, (3) Responding, and/or (4) Connecting.

## IGNITF

IGNITE is a district mentoring program for elementary (grades 4-5), middle, high school, and college students. Students and teachers meet monthly to build mentoring relationships and rehearse together. Their efforts culminate in a special performance for families at the end of the year to ignite the joy of music in our community.

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