

# Douglas Anderson School of the Arts

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**Number of Students:** 1,200

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## About Douglas Anderson:

Douglas Anderson School for the Arts is modeled after Duke Ellington School in Washington, D.C and has received recognition as an Exemplary School by the Arts Schools Network. The leadership by the school principal, Jackie Cornelius, and senior administrative staff has propelled the school from the vision of its founders. Quite frankly, if you know Jackie Cornelius, then you know one of vision and an incredible gift for fund development. Fundraising and the support of school administration is at the highest level - over \$500,000 annually - and artistic excellence is at the highest level as well.

The vision and dedication from the leadership, community, and parents have made it possible to support faculty research, for students to travel abroad to perform, and to develop innovative programs. They make provisions for struggling students, inclusive of paying for SAT and ACT tests and providing lodging and food for homeless students.

The school has employed creative use and maximization of space with various additions over time for program growth. The engagement of teachers is evident as they support one another. They collaborate and express immense support by the administration. Most of the teachers are practicing artistic professionals.

The school is a vehicle for outreach whereas productions are a means for engaging the community in social issues; one example being The Laramie Project. They host between 6-8 visual arts exhibits a year for the school and community with countless concerts and productions.

The experience for the students at Douglas Anderson School of the Arts is life changing.