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Confederation Park Education Through the Arts Elementary School
Earns Arts Schools Network Exemplary School Designation

Houston, Texas (May 25, 2024) – The Arts Schools Network Board of Directors has named the Confederation Park Education Through the Arts Elementary School an Exemplary School in recognition of its commitment to excellence. The five-year designation is awarded for 2024-2029.

Arts Schools Network (ASN), the nation’s largest professional membership organization of specialized arts schools, awards Exemplary School designations to members that follow *A Guide to Assessing Your Arts School* in strategically evaluating their school’s purpose, operations, and educational programs. The *Guide* is a collaborative effort by ASN and the Accrediting Commission for Community and Pre-collegiate Arts Schools (ACCPAS). ASN will honor the school at the Awards Ceremony during the ASN 2024 Annual Conference, in Washington, DC. The conference theme is Arts at the Forefront of Change and will be hosted by the Duke Ellington School of the Arts.

At Confederation Park Elementary, students and teachers interact with and through the arts. The school is committed to delivering a rich and authentic arts-integrated curriculum where students explore themes, ideas and concepts through various creative processes and demonstrate learning in a variety of ways. The daily sharing and presenting of student work provides students with opportunities to engage in the arts and develop skills in the competencies of communication, creative and critical thinking. Students also further develop their craft of music, art, drama and dance through regular weekly lessons in accordance with the Ministry of Education’s curriculum. Student learning is celebrated and communicated with regular performances and showcases of their work both formal and informal. Through these sharing opportunities process is honored and value is given to the learning that takes place through the course of the artistic connection. In addition, students and teachers participate in specialized projects where new skills are developed and enhanced through Artist-in-Residence programs. The school’s Parent Advisory Council (PAC) is invaluable and has a pivotal role in all aspects of the school community.

Dr. R. Scott Allen, Managing Director for ASN, said, “We offer guidance, inspiration, and incentives to arts school leaders who strive for excellence in their schools. When they demonstrate outstanding efforts toward this goal, as they do by following *A Guide to Assessing Your Arts School*, we recognize and reward their achievements with this designation.”

Dedicated to excellence and leadership in arts education, Arts Schools Network, a non-profit association founded in 1981, provides arts school leaders, innovative partners and members of arts education institutions with quality resources, support and networking opportunities. Visit www.artsschoolsnetwork.org to learn more.