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Imagination Stage's in-school residencies are designed to enhance student learning during their school day. Students get the opportunity to work with Imagination Stage's professional teaching artists, building both theatre arts skills and life learning skills such as building confidence and team-building. In arts integration residencies, students deepen content understanding by exploring the connections between an art form and an academic subject. In theatre arts residencies, classes focus on high-quality dramatic play, storytelling, and performance training.

Residency sessions typically run between 45 minutes and 1 hour, and are available for students from pre-kindergarten through grade 12. Our programs are tailored to fit your school's interests, scheduling needs, and budget. While scheduling for residencies is flexible, the minimum number of workshop sessions is eight sessions.

Pre-K Arts Everyday

In our Pre-K Arts Everyday Residency, Imagination Stage brings a team of teaching artists to your school to provide inner core or specials classes for the students every day of the week. These classes are specialized lessons in drama, music, movement, and visual arts. We hire artists who are proficient in their art form and in early childhood education. Through this partnership, teaching artists' lessons meet the school's early learning standards and classroom management goals. The artists come into the classroom each day providing classroom teachers with planning time and providing students with access to the arts. Throughout the week, teaching artists cycle through each Pre-K classroom, giving each class a different lesson each day.

Arts Learning

In our Arts Learning Residencies, Imagination Stage brings teaching artists to the classroom one or two times a week. This program focuses on bringing art to the forefront of the class, whether that is through drama, music, or dance. Modeled after Imagination Stage's on-site programming, these classes are typically focused on a specific theme that is age appropriate. The Arts Learning package can be built for any grade level and Imagination Stage works with the needs and interests of the school to put together a class theme that everyone will enjoy. Some examples include creative drama classes, such as *Magic Treehouse Adventures*, or storytelling classes focused on student-devised scenes or stories.

Socio-Emotional Learning

In our Socio-Emotional Learning Residencies, Imagination Stage works closely with students to use the arts to devise their own work and tell their life stories often through a trauma-informed teaching lens. Through creative drama and improv games, students gain confidence, discover a safe space where they can be themselves, and build emotional regulation skills. Specific class content is customized to the needs of the group, particularly when it comes to the subject material and frequency of the class.

Arts Integration

In our Arts Integration Residencies, Imagination Stage creates lesson plans that use theatre arts to explore an academic subject that students are focusing on in school. Previous Arts Integration Residencies have included topics such as Science & Sensory Storytelling, Literacy & Creative Drama, and Teamwork & Storybuilding. Arts Integration Residencies can be tailored to any age group and can take place on a monthly, weekly, or bi-weekly basis.

*Every residency is customizable and the cost is relative to how frequently the class meets.