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Quick Facts

- The 22nd annual Summer Starts Program continues through June 25 on Winthrop's campus.
- Gifted students in grades 6-8 will spend three weeks learning about dance, music, drama and visual arts.

ROCK HILL, S.C. - Three hundred local students in grades 6-8 will spend three weeks on Winthrop's campus exploring their artistic talents in dance, music, drama and visual arts as part of the **22nd annual Summer ST-ARTS Program**.

Gifted and talented students from **Clover, Fort Mill, Lancaster, Rock Hill** and **Fort Mill school districts** will work with a diverse group of 50 talented artists and teachers from 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. each weekday. As part of the multi-faceted **ST-ARTS** curriculum, students receive instruction in their "major" arts area and spend part of their afternoon experiencing a "minor" art. They also will attend three Saturday workshops during the spring semester and will have the opportunity to attend more than 20 arts performances on the university's campus.

Tryouts for available **ST-ARTS** slots were held in spring, when participating students were selected.

The program, which emphasizes guiding students through the process of conceptualizing and creating art, has been cited by the S.C. State Department of Education as a model. In addition, **ST-ARTS** was a 1993 nominee for the prestigious Elizabeth O'Neill Verner Award for excellence in arts education. Sponsored by Winthrop's [College of Visual and Performing Arts](#) and participating school districts in York and Lancaster counties, **ST-ARTS** has served more than 7,500 middle school students since 1989.

For more information about the **Summer ST-ARTS Program**, contact Don Rogers at 803/323-2255 or rogersd@winthrop.edu.

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