# **VUPTURN ARTS**





## Upturn Art's Teaching Artist (TA) Staffing Agency

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Suite of Services		
In-School	Outside of the School Day	Professional Development & Support
<ul> <li><u>Arts Enrichment</u> <ul> <li>Semester or full year arts instruction</li> </ul> </li> <li>Upturn Arts handles payroll for the Teaching Artists</li> <li>Short-term or one-time class coverage</li> <li>Teaching Artists can cover staffing gaps with high-quality arts instruction</li> <li>Co-teaching</li> <li>Teaching artists pair with a classroom teacher</li> </ul> <li>Arts-in-Education <ul> <li>Customized arts-integrated lessons: Built around Tier 1 Curriculum with assessment</li> </ul> </li>	<ul> <li>Before &amp; Afterschool Holiday &amp; Summer Break</li> <li>Working with your current school programming</li> <li>Managing programming during all your breaks at your school or another location</li> <li>Coverage for Parent-Teacher Conference Days and PD/teacher days</li> <li>Examples: morning meditation/stretching program, early bird kid dance classes, after school improv and dance teams, after school fashion studio and show</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Professional Development</li> <li>For arts teachers: Examples: Classroom Management, Lesson Planning, &amp; Creating formative and summative assessments</li> <li>For academic teachers and support staff: Examples: Culturally sustaining instructional practices, Arts for SEL, Building Student engagement with the Arts, Team-Building Workshops</li> <li>Support</li> <li>Evaluation for arts staff</li> <li>Arts program evaluation</li> </ul>



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## **Upturn Arts Creative Staffing Agency Program Goals**

- Provide year-round employment opportunities for highly qualified teaching artists in school settings
- Empowering students and classroom teachers through the arts
- Increasing access to high quality arts instruction for all students
- Mitigate the teacher shortage crisis and improve access to the arts with skilled teaching artists implementing high-quality arts instruction
- Connect schools with local New Orleans artists

## **Benefits**

Many artists who teach (teaching artists) do not want to work in education full time. By hiring us, you are supporting New Orleans artists. Part-time work allows artists to continue being artists, which only further enriches their teaching.

- This system is cost-effective. Instead of paying a full salary plus benefits for arts teachers, you can have access to multiple disciplines and coverage in case of absences
- With notice, you can cover teacher absences with high-quality and enriching arts programming
- We manage payroll and background checks
- Our teaching artists have previous experience working with youth in educational settings
- All of our teaching artists attend ongoing professional development and training

