

## **What is the PACT 21 Project?**

PACT21 is a U.S. Department of Education funded research project that allows Performing Arts Workshop (The Workshop) to partner with SFUSD schools to bring high-quality, school-integrated performing arts education into 3rd-5th grade classrooms. The 3-year research project will examine what role The Workshop's artist residencies play in the development of 21st Century skills.

PACT21 has a strong emphasis on capacity building, with the goal of building strong and supportive relationships between teaching artists and classroom teachers—the end goal being that classroom teachers finish each year with increased capacity to integrate the arts into their curriculum. In this model, classroom teachers will participate in joint planning on an ongoing basis and up to four hours of formal professional development with fellow PACT21 participants throughout the district.

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## **Who is Performing Arts Workshop?**

Performing Arts Workshop is a non-profit organization founded in 1965 and dedicated to helping students develop critical thinking, creative expression and basic learning skills through the arts. The Workshop utilizes an artist residency model that emphasizes sequential learning and aligns with state standards and SFUSD priorities. Workshop Teaching Artists embody a high level of experience, both in their art form and in their teaching practice. Artistic staff receive ongoing professional development and collaborate closely school-site staff to assure a high level of quality.

## **How will the project look in my classroom?**

The residency will last the duration of the school year, roughly 30 weeks. A resident artist will visit your class once a week, on the same day and time. Artists will be matched with school sites in September and will hold a pre-residency meeting with classroom teachers prior to the first teaching session. During this meeting, teaching artists will share their curriculum overview and classroom teachers will share their student and professional learning goals. Together, artists and classroom teachers will establish mutual goals. A regular meeting time will be established during this initial meeting.

## **What is the purpose of the PACT21 professional development component?**

The purpose of PACT21 professional development is to support strong linkages between teaching artists and overall classroom goals and vision. The expectation is that through thoughtful conversation about curriculum and arts integration, classroom teachers can build their capacity to integrate performing arts into their teaching practice. Additionally, these meetings will also focus on co-developing authentic and meaningful assessment tools that will provide rich student feedback, gauge learning, and go beyond a standardized test.

## **What is the time commitment?**

- Up to 12 one-to-one meetings with a teaching artist partner per year to co-plan curriculum and develop an assessment tool.
- Attend 4 hours of formal professional development per year with PACT21 program participants from 5 participating schools.
- Completion of evaluation activities: consent forms, student surveys and teacher surveys. All said tasks will be compensated with a stipend.