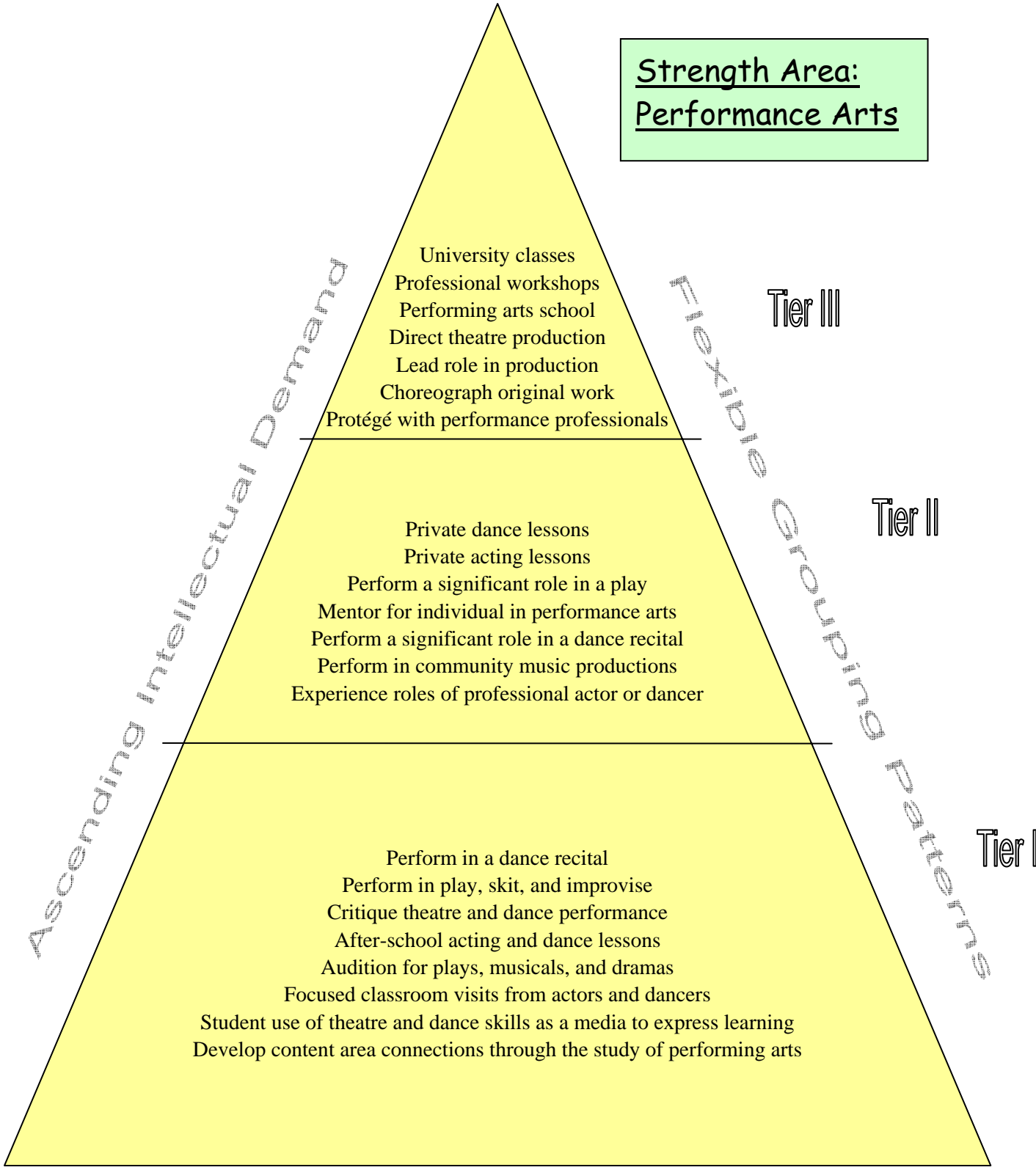


Strength Area:
Performance Arts



Partnerships: Home, School & Community

Frequently Asked Questions

In what ways might I support children talented in the performing arts?

Provide a place in the classroom where creative work can be done: space for movement, area for art supplies, musical instruments, recordings, poetry, Readers Theatre, short plays and skits. Encourage students to try out for children's community theater, display work in the classroom and in appropriate areas, e.g. library, store window, local restaurants, and more. Share your own performing arts area of interest with the class including personal experience in the arts. Create an atmosphere that is creative. For example, display children's art work, have them design a bulletin board, write a play, compose a song, write a dialogue, write humor. Allow for open-endedness, ambiguity, curiosity, novelty, and problem solving.

Encourage students to take classes that will allow further development of their talent. Help students plan the appropriate course sequence and experiences that will lead to goal accomplishment. Cluster talented performing arts students in core classes and advocate for the use of alternate products and assessments that utilize their strengths.

Some of my students identified as talented through an arts performance have difficulty keeping on-task. What should I do to challenge their learning and keep them on task?

Give these children the opportunity to use their performance skills to present information from content. Focus on the students' strength in performance. Recognize the students' need for movement and realize that they learn through movement. Include in your instruction simulations, plays, skits, and learning by doing, not just listening or watching the teacher.

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Museums have arts resource centers that will provide a list of names of artists, musicians, arts organizations, and other outlets for further instruction in the arts.