

# Expressive Arts Program

**Framework:** Expressive Arts is designed to support refugee students who may have experienced or continue to experience challenging life circumstances that impact their daily learning. The program helps students with refugee experience settle into their new school environments.

**Program Description/Objectives:** Students are guided by Expressive Arts facilitators through arts-based expression and exploration. Students use play and the arts in a variety of forms to express experiences and feelings that may be difficult for them to put into words.

**Goals:** To use the arts as a vehicle to support students' positive integration into school life and to help them manage their feelings and experiences so they can be free to learn.

**Target Population:** Students who have refugee experience and are in need of extra support during the day.

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**Program Partners:** A team of Expressive Arts Facilitators trained by program organizer and Langara Instructor, Peta Schur, work with the students. Each facilitator brings with them a breadth of experience working with children, adults, and families in multiple settings.

**District Impact:** We are currently located in eight targeted Elementary schools and four Secondary schools.