



Side x Side ignites academic excellence in education through comprehensive arts-based programs bringing critical thinking, creativity, and innovation into the classroom.

HOW IT WORKS

Over the course of the academic year, students participate in grade-wide units where a specific aspect of the curriculum is supported and enhanced through arts-based programming.

A team of teaching artists, visiting professionals, Side x Side staff, college interns, and community members work side by side using their particular areas of expertise to engage students in rigorous learning through creative approaches to core subjects.

Students are immersed in an engaged learning environment and get exposure to an increased awareness of career paths and community resources that are available to them. They dig into individual work and also develop collaborative approaches to learning. Students from across the academic spectrum come away with a deeper understanding of subject matter and how it connects to their lives.

INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE?

NEXT STEPS:

Connors Elementary School teachers should complete the **Teacher Interest Application** by July 15, 2020 at sidexsideme.com/connors/

FMI OR QUESTIONS, CONTACT:

Your Principal and Assistant Principals or Side x Side: Louisa Donelson, Organizational Director at louisa@sidexsideme.com



In 2014, in partnership with the University of Southern Maine, Side x Side's "Project Imagine" received a \$1.9 million AEMDD four-year grant from the US Department of Education to work in the Portland Public Schools. In 2018, Side x Side, again in partnership with USM, was awarded a US Department of Education AAEDD grant for almost \$2.5 million to carry it through another four years of programming in the Portland Public Schools and to expand into the Lewiston Public School district.