

# Iddi Saaka West African Dance Workshop

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Program	Workshop   Residency
Type	
Art Form	Dance & Movement
Curriculum/a	Social Studies
Target	Elementary School (1st - 5th grade)   Middle School (6th - 8th grade)   High School (9th - 12th grade)   Young
Grades	Adult (18 - 21 years old)   Family

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## Testimonial

"Having the opportunity to work with AFLCT has been truly beneficial; they've provided unique experiences that have positively impacted our students. Their professional artists are strong role-models who encouraged students to take risks, find their voices, and be confident young people. They assisted in the process of inspiring our students to discover their individual identities and be able to self-assuredly express and share their ideas and opinions."

### **Description**

In West African societies dance is not just a pastime, it is the very fabric on which the cultural norms, values, and aspirations of the people are inscribed. Students will be introduced to the general movement vocabulary of West Africa dance forms, learn at least one traditional West African dance, gain background knowledge of the dance, learn to interpret drum rhythms and patterns and respond with their appropriate movements and go through a process to refine and present what they have learned before an audience.

### **Objectives**

\* This program seeks to introduce students to different cultures than their own. They will be able to reflect on the role of dance in West African societies and how that is similar and/or different from their own cultures and by so doing expand their world view, pique their appreciation and respect for cultural difference and plurality.

\* They will also be engaged in the physical exercise of their bodies through learning the dance steps, which help keep their bodies and minds agile.

\* They will learn the value of team work and how to navigate and resolve differences in order to achieve a common goal of putting a performance together and presenting it before an audience.

### **Pricing Information**

Two workshops \$585

Four workshops \$955

### **Program Length**

1-10 sessions

### **Participants**

25 students

### **Technical Specifications**

A large room