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**HAMMER**

# **HAMMER MUSEUM CLASSROOM PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM**

**The Hammer Museum's Classroom Partnership Program fosters visual literacy and critical analysis skills through sustained connection between 4th-12th grade classrooms and artworks by contemporary Los Angeles-based artists.**

# PROGRAM COMPONENTS



## TEACHER PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Teachers attend a series of hands-on professional development workshops over the course of the year. In these sessions, teachers engage in a community of practice, learning and practicing the Hammer's methodology for facilitating open-ended conversations about contemporary artworks in the classroom.



## TWO FIELD TRIPS

Teachers receive bus funding to bring students to the Hammer Museum for two field trips over the course of the school year. (1 Fall, 1 Spring)



## CLASSROOM CURRICULUM

Teachers learn and implement the Hammer Collection Classroom Curriculum, featuring artworks by diverse L.A.-based artists who explore contemporary social and cultural issues in their work. The curriculum also includes optional artmaking prompts (with a classroom art supply kit) that invite creative exploration of the themes and processes in the artwork.



## COMMUNITY CONNECTION

Students and their communities receive special invitations to Hammer programs for multigenerational audiences and engage with the Hammer and UCLA as a space for gathering and learning.

## PROGRAM OBJECTIVES + BENEFITS

### Teachers

- Learn method for facilitating observation and inference-based conversations about artworks in the classroom.
- Access the Hammer Collection Classroom Curriculum, a yearlong, developmentally-appropriate curriculum designed around artwork by contemporary L.A.-based artists and the social, cultural, and political ideas presented in their work. Participate in a community of practice with other L.A. educators to collectively reflect, share resources, and grow together.
- Receive special invitations to Hammer openings and other events.

### Students

- Build standards-aligned visual literacy skills including observation, analysis, integrating contextual knowledge, presentation and collaborative comprehension skills.
- Engage in culturally-sustaining dialogues about artworks that reflect the diverse voices and communities of Los Angeles.
- Join two field trips, build comfort in museum spaces, and recognize museums as places of lifelong learning and enjoyment.
- Explore the power of art and creativity as a vehicle for self-expression and social commentary.
- Gain exposure to the UCLA student experience.
- Receive special invitations to community programs at the museum.

### School Communities

- Engage with the Hammer and UCLA as a space for multigenerational gathering and learning.
- Receive special invitations to community programs at the museum.

## K-12 STANDARDS

- College and Career Readiness Standards for English Language Arts
- College And Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading
- College And Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking & Listening
- CA Arts Anchor Standards
- Transformative Social Emotional Learning (T-SEL) Competencies

See the full list of standards [here](#).

## ELIGIBILITY

- This program is FREE; there is no cost to participate.
- This program is for 4th-12th grade classrooms in Title I schools within L.A. County.
- Participating teachers must be available to attend teacher PDs on the dates listed below.
- Participating teachers must have approval from school principal.

# PROGRAM TIMELINE

**June 1, 2026**

2026-27 Application deadline

**August 3–4, 2026**

10am–4pm

2-day Introductory PD at the Hammer Museum (lunch + parking provided each day)

**Fall 2026**

Meetings with School Administrators on-site

**October 17, 2026**

10am–4pm

Fall PD at the Hammer Museum (lunch + parking provided)

**October 2026–  
February 2027**

Class Museum Visit #1 (bus provided)

**February 6, 2027**

10am–4pm

Spring PD (lunch + parking provided)

**February–May 2027**

Class Museum Visit #2 (bus provided)

- Franklin D. Murphy Sculpture Garden on UCLA Campus
- OR**
- Hammer Museum exhibition

**May 8, 2027**

10am–4pm

Culminating PD + Celebration