In Newman Arts we believe that cultivating the creative potential of each student is essential to the development of both mind and body. While working in the arts, students hone their artistic craft, expand their understanding of the world around them, and sharpen their creative thinking skills. Through this process we seek to open a door to a lifelong relationship with the arts. We believe that, through the act of creation, students develop confidence and learn to value new perspectives that will promote the understanding of others and the role of the arts in human experience.

The Newman Arts program offers classes in the performing arts (music, dance, and drama), and visual arts (drawing, painting, ceramics, film, photography, and new media arts). This program is designed to offer rigor and exploration throughout, using our natural tendency as creative beings as a foundation, and then challenging students to go beyond what they have learned to develop a technique and style of their own. Throughout their time at Newman, students will be involved with art every day.

Our program digs deep into the culture of New Orleans through integral relationships with the Ogden Museum of Southern Art, the New Orleans Museum of Art, and other institutions. Curators from these museums work with our arts educators to create one-of-a-kind exhibitions and conduct visits every year that integrate with our curriculum and school life. Artist residencies are a key opportunity for all Newman arts students. Throughout the year, nationally recognized artists come to campus to share their knowledge, craft, and passion for the arts with the young Greenies who will be the artists of tomorrow.

Our music program has a strong heritage, and it continues to grow with performances on campus and on the national stage, as we compete with other schools in choral and band ensembles. The appreciation for music and development of ability is first kindled at Green Trees Early Childhood Village. There students are taught about the importance of music, art, rhythm, and creative play before they can even walk.

Newman is proud to have one of the strongest, largest, and most experienced arts departments in the Southeast, with 18 dedicated arts educators on its staff. The arts faculty at Newman are not only teachers, but artists in their own right, and many practice their craft in New Orleans and beyond. With their talent and passion in their disciplines, they build strong relationships that inspire their students to be creative learners throughout life.