

## Who We Are

**Texas Center for Arts + Academics (TCA+A)** is proud to celebrate 75 years of supporting the artistic excellence and academic success of our students. A 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, TCA+A strives to make the arts accessible to all. Through community partnerships, two nationally ranked charter schools, public after-school conservatories, workshops, and summer camps, we provide resources that bring children, from all backgrounds, opportunities to experience and engage in the visual and performing arts.

Since the first rehearsal of the Denton Civic Boys Choir in 1946, we have grown from a small Boychoir that served 37 young men, to a robust nonprofit that plays a significant role in the Tarrant County arts community and culture, reaching over 1,000 students each day. TCA+A provides year-round administrative and financial support to our schools and community fine arts programs.



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**TEXAS CENTER FOR  
ARTS + ACADEMICS**



## Exceptional Education with a

### Fine-Arts Focus

TCA+A holds the charter for two different schools: **Texas School of the Arts (TeSA)** and **Fort Worth Academy of Fine Arts (FWAFA)**. Both schools provide students an exceptional academic program with emphasis on the fine arts.

### Elementary Programs

#### **TeSA (grades K-6) & FWAFA (grades 3-6)**

TCA+A believes there is an artist in every child! TeSA and FWAFA elementary students receive an introduction to arts-based education. Combining a top-rated curriculum with rotations of music, dance, visual arts, and theatre, students explore their artistic interests. Both public charter schools focus on the artistic process and offer performance opportunities. Highly rated for their academics, both schools provide students with a tremendous framework for a bright future. Audition-based admission ensures each child is artistically inclined, and every family is committed to arts education.

### Middle & High School Programs

#### **FWAFA (grades 7-12)**

The middle and high school programs of TCA+A are provided at FWAFA. Admitted by audition only, students at FWAFA enjoy an education like no other, complete with rigorous academic programs and top-tier fine arts training. In addition to our core academics + arts curriculum, middle and high school students audition for roles in TCA+A premiere performances and showcase their artwork in gallery-style exhibitions. FWAFA students also regularly compete and place in scholarly and fine arts competitions.

Home to premiere performance groups, such as the Grammy award-winning Texas Boys Choir, Singing Girls of Texas, Academy Dance Company, Academy Musical Theatre Company, and the Children's Choir of Texas, FWAFA provides world-class performances across the globe.



### Community Programs

**Texas Center for Arts + Academics** is committed to arts-based education for all students. Through community programs like our after-school conservatories, summer camps, and performance initiatives, TCA+A brings quality arts training and exposure to children all over the Dallas-Fort Worth area.

**Texas Art Conservatory** – Open to all children grades 3 - 12, these after-school studio classes are taught by local, working artists who are devoted to instilling both a love of art and a solid technical foundation in students. Through two dimensional and three dimensional media processes, we provide space for artists to develop a passion for exploring and developing their own personal aesthetic.

**Texas Dance Conservatory** – Dancers as young as 3 years old learn safe, sound technique from highly-skilled instructors in a positive, affirming after-school environment. Small class sizes ensure that each child receives high-quality instruction in various forms of dance, both classical and contemporary, at every skill level.

**Texas Music Conservatory** – Texas Music Conservatory offers ensemble and private music lessons for developing musicians in grades K-12.

During each year-long, after-school course, students will learn the fundamentals of music literacy, healthy vocal technique, and how to build a sense of self independence and collaboration with their peers. Private lesson experiences offer students the opportunity for one on one feedback and skill development. Ensembles are led under the direction of the Artistic Directors of Texas Boys Choir and Singing Girls of Texas creating opportunity for students to work and perform directly with our two premiere choirs.

**Summer Camps** – TCA+A Summer Creative Arts Camps are designed to provide comprehensive arts instruction to students of all skill levels. Offering a full arts curriculum that includes visual arts, theater, choir, and dance, students explore new forms of expression in a safe, fun environment.

**Community Performance Initiatives** – Several times a year, TCA+A invites local school children to attend performances at the Fort Worth Academy of Fine Arts, free of charge. Whether it is a musical, play, or dance concert, students leave inspired and excited to explore their own artistic abilities. Additionally, our performance groups are regularly contracted out into the community to perform for a variety of audiences.



# TEXAS CENTER FOR ARTS + ACADEMICS

# Admission Process

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## APPLY

APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED

January 13, 2021 to  
February 15, 2021

Visit [ArtsAcademics.org/apply](https://ArtsAcademics.org/apply)  
for an application.



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## AUDITION

SCHEDULE AN AUDITION

Please refer to the back for more information about auditions.



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## ACCEPTANCE

ACCEPTANCE LETTERS

Letters are mailed out  
the third week of March.

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# Audition Process

Upon receiving your application, our Fine Arts Administrative Assistant will contact you via email to schedule an audition. We invite you to join one of our Audition Workshops to help prepare you and your child for the audition process.

## AUDITION WORKSHOPS

Meet with a Fine Arts representative to learn the basics of auditioning. They'll help answer any questions and ensure you leave knowing what to expect so you can audition with confidence!

**November 14, 2020   January 16, 2021   January 30, 2021**

Time and date dependent upon school and grade. Please visit the website for more information.

\* You only need to attend one Audition Workshop

## MORE INFORMATION

For more information on our admission or audition process, please contact **Paula Fukuhara at (817) 766-2390 Ext.112**



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**1. When is open enrollment?**

- Open Enrollment for an upcoming school year begins the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday in January and runs approximately 30 days.

**2. Does my student have to audition to be accepted?**

- Yes, all students are required to audition and meet the requirements for acceptance.

**3. Where do I find admissions and audition information?**

- You will find everything you need to know on our website [ArtsAcademics.org](http://ArtsAcademics.org) under the admission tab.

**4. What fine arts are offered for auditions?**

- Elementary and Middle School students must audition in **one** of the following areas: Visual Arts, Theatre, Dance, or Choir **but** have the option to audition in a second area, if they choose.
- High School students must audition in **one** of the following areas: Visual Arts, Dance, Choir, Theatre, Musical Theatre, or Technical Theatre.

**5. What is required of my student during an audition?**

- Requirements for each grade level and fine art can be found at [ArtsAcademics.org](http://ArtsAcademics.org) under the admission tab.

**6. When will audition results be released?**

- Results are typically mailed the third week of March.

**7. If my child gets into FWFAA, does he/she need to re-audition each year?**

- No, your child does not have to re-audit each year.

**8. How many openings do you have each year and how many people apply?**

- This varies greatly from year-to-year and grade-to-grade. The only numbers that are consistent every year are 60 openings for 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. Any other openings depend on current students' enrollment decisions.
- The number of auditioning applicants also varies; therefore, we are not able to provide consistent data on that topic.

**9. What curriculum does FWFAA use?**

- Although we specialize in fine arts, we put a premium on a high-quality, college-preparatory education. Teachers design lessons that engage students in complex, higher-order thinking skills that utilize creative instruction techniques such as creating, performing, presenting, producing, responding, and connecting.

**10. What time is the school day?**

- Our day begins at 8:00 am and ends at 3:45 pm. This is a longer school day than most area schools in order to accommodate additional fine arts in our students' school day.

## Frequently Asked Questions

### **11. Is there tuition?**

- No. As a public charter school there is no charge for students to attend.

### **12. Do you charge fees?**

- No, however fees are required for some competitions, field trips, audition groups, etc.

### **13. Does FWAFA have a uniform requirement?**

- Yes, students have a daily school uniform requirement as well as uniform requirements for their dance, PE, and performing groups. Some pieces of the uniform must be purchased at Flynn O'Hara Uniforms. Please see our website <https://www.artacademics.org/academies/resources/uniforms/> for more details. Every Friday, our students show their FWAFA pride by wearing a spirit shirt and jeans.

### **14. Does FWAFA have sports?**

- We do have a PE program but we do not have interscholastic sports. Our Fine Art Performances are our "Friday night lights."

### **15. Does FWAFA provide transportation?**

- No, transportation is the parent's responsibility. Although, we do try to provide opportunities for parents to connect with carpools.

### **16. Does FWAFA have a special education program?**

- Yes. We are a public school and, as such, provide special services for qualifying students.

### **17. Does FWAFA participate in state and national assessments?**

- Yes. As a public school, all students participate in the State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR) in grades 3-10. We also participate in the College Board PSAT and Advanced Placement program at the high school level.

### **18. What is your graduation rate and what kinds of colleges do students who graduate from FWAFA get into?**

- FWAFA has a 100% graduation rate. Our students attend top universities in the state and across the nation, including Baylor, University of Texas, Texas A&M, TCU, Boston University, Cornell, USC and Stanford. Our students are accepted into fine arts programs in colleges and universities such as Boston Conservatory, Cleveland Institute of Music, Eastman School of Music, New England Conservatory, NYU Tisch School of the Arts, Rhode Island School of Design, San Francisco Conservatory, and Savannah College of Art and Design.

### **19. Do you have any AP or honors courses?**

- All middle and high school courses are taught at the college preparatory level. We currently offer 10 Advanced Placement courses spanning all core content areas and music.



## Texas Center for Arts + Academics (TCA+A)

offers after-school, fine arts programs to the community. Building upon our dedication to teaching, mentoring, and inspiring students in the arts, TCA+A's programs nurture students abilities to create and imagine in a safe, inclusive environment.

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# **CONSERVATORIES**

AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAMS

## **TEXAS DANCE CONSERVATORY - EST. 2015**

Whether dancers have professional aspirations or dance just for fun, they will feel at home in a safe environment as they exercise their talent and creativity. With leveled classes available to students ages 3-19, our outstanding faculty is excited to challenge our students while building a positive community. Dancers receive mid and year-end progress reports and perform in our Spring Dance Recital.

## **TEXAS ART CONSERVATORY - EST. 2019**

Real life skills, taught by real life artists! Open to students, grade 3-12, Texas Art Conservatory is taught by professional, local artists who guide students in 2D & 3D techniques using a variety of mediums. Each year-long course is designed to help students grow technically as they begin to develop their personal portfolio, ending with a Gallery Showing where they learn how to display and talk about their work in a public setting.

## **TEXAS MUSIC CONSERVATORY - EST. 2020**

Does your child sing or play an instrument? Texas Music Conservatory offers both ensemble and private music lessons for developing musicians, in grades K-12. Our students learn the fundamentals of music literacy and healthy vocal technique in a safe and supportive environment. At the end of the year, students will celebrate their growth by performing in our Spring Music Recital.

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