

ABOUT TCA+A

At Texas Center for Arts + Academics, it is our passion to celebrate and nurture the creative talents of our community. 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, and summer camps, we provide 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 boy choir that served 37 young men, to a robust nonprofit. TCA+A plays a significant role in the Tarrant County Arts community and culture, reaching over 1,000 students.



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CHARTER SCHOOLS

TEXAS SCHOOL OF THE ARTS | GRADES K-5

TeSA is an audition-based, public charter school offering a challenging program and innovative environment for artistic and academic development. Daily rotations of Dance, Music, Theatre, and Visual Art alongside creative academic instruction encourages creative exploration and growth in every subject.

FORT WORTH ACADEMY OF FINE ARTS | GRADES 3-12

Ranked the #4 Best School District in Tarrant County, FWAFA provides rigorous academic and artistic training. Home to several premiere performance groups, such as the Grammy award-winning Texas Boys Choir, FWAFA is the only audition-based, public school in Fort Worth producing a full season of performances and exhibitions for the community, including musicals, choral performances, full length plays, and a ballet.



COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

TCA+A's after-school conservatory programs and summer camps are designed to provide comprehensive arts instruction to students of all skill levels and backgrounds. Texas Dance Conservatory, Texas Art Conservatory, Texas Music Conservatory and TCA+A Summer Camps are open to the public and begin training children as young as 3 years old in a safe, inclusive environment.

Throughout the year, students from local schools are invited to FWAFA to attend performances, free of charge. Whether enjoying a musical, play, or dance concert, students leave feeling inspired and excited to explore their own artistic abilities. Additionally, our performance groups are often contracted out into the community to offer workshops and perform for a variety of audiences.



ADMISSION PROCESS

1 APPLY

WE BEGIN ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS
THE 2ND WEDNESDAY IN JANUARY.



OPEN ENROLLMENT RUNS
APPROXIMATELY 30 DAYS.

SCAN TO DOWNLOAD
APPLICATION



2 AUDITION

AFTER YOU APPLY, OUR
ADMISSIONS TEAM WILL REACH
OUT TO SCHEDULE YOUR AUDITION.

AUDITIONS ARE CONDUCTED ONLINE.

BE SURE TO JOIN OUR AUDITION WORKSHOP TO
LEARN THE INS AND OUTS OF THE PROCESS.



3 ACCEPTANCE

DETERMINATION LETTERS ARE SENT
AROUND THE THIRD WEEK OF MARCH.

WE CAN'T WAIT
TO MEET YOU!



MORE INFO AT [ARTSACADEMICS.ORG/APPLY](https://artsacademics.org/apply)



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AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAMS



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DANCE

EST. 2015

Whether dancers have professional aspirations or dance just for fun, they will feel at home in our safe environment as they exercise their talent and creativity. With leveled classes for ages 3-19, our outstanding Texas Dance Conservatory instructors challenge our students while building a positive community.

VISUAL ART

EST. 2019

Real life skills, taught by real life artists! Open to the students, grades 3-12, Texas Art Conservatory is taught by professional, local artists who guide students in 2D & 3D techniques using a variety of mediums. Students develop their own personal aesthetic, build a portfolio, and receive curation and exhibition experience.

MUSIC

EST. 2020

Does your child sing or play piano? Do they want to learn how? The Texas Music Conservatory offers group ensembles and private voice or piano 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.

MORE INFO AT
[ARTSACADEMICS.ORG/CONSERVATORIES](https://artsacademics.org/conservatories)





1. When can my child join Texas School of the Arts?

- Open Enrollment for the upcoming school year begins the 2nd Wednesday in January and runs approximately 30 days. If you want to join TeSA within the current school year, private auditions may be scheduled if there is space available in the grade level.

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 admission and audition information?

- You will find everything you need to know on our website at <https://www.artsacademics.org/academies/tesa/apply-tesa/>.

4. What fine arts are offered for auditions?

- Kindergarten through 5th grade audition in all four Fine Art areas: Dance, Music, Theatre, and Visual Arts.

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

- Requirements for each grade level and Fine Art can be found on our website at <https://www.artsacademics.org/academies/tesa/apply-tesa/>.
- We offer optional, but highly encouraged, Audition Workshop Q&As in January and February.

6. When will audition results be released?

- Results from auditions within our open enrollment period are typically mailed the third week of March.
- Results from privately scheduled auditions throughout the year are typically mailed as soon as possible.

7. If my child gets into TeSA, does he/she need to audition again each year?

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

8. What are the average class sizes at TeSA?

- Class sizes range from 13-20 students per homeroom class.

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

- This varies greatly from year-to-year and grade-to-grade. Openings depend on current students' enrollment decisions.
- The number of auditioning applicants also varies; therefore, we are not able to provide consistent data on this topic.

10. What curriculum does TeSA use?

- Although we specialize in Fine Arts, we put a premium on a high-quality education. The curriculum at TeSA is locally developed and Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS)-based. It is aligned throughout grade levels and is open to individual teacher creativity in the classroom. Teachers are encouraged to integrate aspects of the arts in academic courses.

11. Does TeSA have special services programs?

- Yes. We are a public school and, as such, provide special education, section 504, English as a Second Language, Response to Intervention, and Gifted and Talented services for qualifying students.

12. Does TeSA participate in state testing?

- Yes. As a public school, all students participate in the State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR) assessments, as well as all required early childhood literacy screenings.

13. What time is the school day?

- Our day begins at 8:00 am and ends at 3:30 pm for Kindergarten-1st grade and 3:45 pm for 2nd-5th grades. This is a longer school day than most area schools in order to accommodate additional fine arts in our students' school day.

14. Is there tuition?

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

15. Do you charge fees?

- No, TeSA does not charge fees. However, families are required to purchase a school uniform, P.E./Dance uniform, and general supplies.

16. Does TeSA have a uniform requirement?

- Yes. All uniforms must be purchased at our preferred vendor, [Flynn O'Hara](#) or through the PTO-ran [TeSA Uniform Resale Page](#) on Facebook. Dance/P.E. uniforms are sold yearly through our local vendor, as well as through the Resale page.
- Please see our website <https://www.artsacademics.org/academies/resources/uniforms/> for more details.

17. Does TeSA provide transportation?

- No, transportation is the parent's responsibility. Each year, our PTO works to provide opportunities for parents to connect with carpools.



1. When is open enrollment?

- Open Enrollment for an upcoming school year begins the 2nd 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 at <https://www.artsacademics.org/academies/fwafa/apply-to-fwafa/>.

4. What fine arts are offered for auditions?

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

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

- Requirements for each grade level and fine art can be found at <https://www.artsacademics.org/academies/fwafa/apply-to-fwafa/>.
- We offer optional, but highly encouraged, Audition Workshop Q&As in January and February.

6. When will audition results be released?

- Results are typically mailed the third week of March.

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

- No, your child does not have to re-audition 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. Openings depend on current students' enrollment decisions.
- The number of auditioning applicants also varies; therefore, we are not able to provide consistent data on this topic.

9. What curriculum does FWAFA 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 3:30 pm for 3rd-4th grade and 3:45 pm for 5th-12th grades. This is a longer school day than most area schools in order to accommodate additional fine arts in our students' school day.

11. Is there tuition?

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

12. Does FWAFA 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 dance, PE, and performing groups. Some pieces of the uniform must be purchased at Flynn O'Hara Uniforms. Please see our website <https://www.artsacademics.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 special services programs?

- 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 3-11. 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 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. Does FWAFA have AP or honors courses?

- All middle and high school courses are taught at the college preparatory level. We currently offer 9 Advanced Placement courses, spanning all core content areas and music.