

A person is painting a large green plant on a canvas. The painting is in progress, with various shades of green and brown visible. The person is wearing a blue top and a bracelet. The background is dark and out of focus, showing some lights.

Annual Report

**Texas Center for
Arts + Academics**

2025

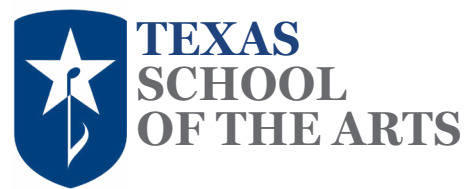
TEXAS CENTER FOR **ARTS** + ACADEMICS

As a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, TCA+A supports two nationally ranked charter schools serving almost 1000 students, the Grammy award-winning Texas Boys Choir, the Singing Girls of Texas, and several after-school artistic conservatories.

We believe that fostering artistic expression in children is a worthy endeavor that produces empathic, well rounded adults and creative thinkers.

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From the CEO

Welcome to the 2025 Annual Report of Texas Center for Arts + Academics (TCA+A). It was a year defined by momentum, milestones, and an unwavering commitment to excellence across TCA+A, Fort Worth Academy of Fine Arts (FWAFA), and Texas School of the Arts (TeSA).

In 2025, our community did more than grow, we elevated! From award-winning performances and national recognitions to expanded programming and increased student opportunities, 2025 stands as a testament to what is possible when creativity and academic rigor work hand in hand. Our students not only took the stage in remarkable ways, earning accolades and captivating audiences, but also excelled in the classroom by achieving strong academic outcomes, demonstrating measurable growth, and continuing a tradition of high performance across academic areas. Their success affirms what we know to be true—the arts are not an addition to education but are essential to it.

Behind every performance, exhibition, and academic milestone is a network of dedicated educators, supportive families, and committed partners. In 2025, we strengthened those partnerships while deepening our focus on instructional excellence. We enhanced curriculum alignment, expanded college and career readiness supports, and increased access to advanced academic opportunities—ensuring that our students are prepared not only as artists, but as scholars equipped for success beyond graduation.

Our after-school conservatories and summer programs thrived, offering even more opportunities for students across our community to engage, create, and excel. At the same time, our campuses maintained a strong focus on academic achievement, with continued emphasis on data-driven instruction, targeted interventions, and enrichment opportunities that support the whole child.

What we celebrate in this report is more than achievement. It is resilience, creativity, and a shared belief in the transformative power of both the arts and academics. Every milestone reached in 2025 reflects the collective effort of a community that refuses to settle for ordinary and remains committed to excellence in every arena.

As we look ahead, we do so with confidence and purpose. The foundation we have built together positions us to continue inspiring, educating, and empowering the next generation of artists, scholars, and leaders.

Thank you for being an essential part of this journey.

Sincerely,

Anika Perkins, Ed.D.
President/CEO and Superintendent



Congratulations

to the Class of

2025

FWAFA 2025 graduating class

\$10,791,169 total in scholarship offers

65
Graduates

4.50289
valedictorian GPA

4.49870
salutatorian GPA

123
Advanced
Placement
courses taken





958 Total Students

632 students at FWAFA

326 students at TeSA



By the Numbers

A

Ranked schools

All TCA+A schools received A rankings on Niche.com

157

Superior Scores and Ratings

Our artists compete in UIL, VASE, and other local, national and international competitions, placing top among their peers

#2

Best Dance Studio

Texas Dance Conservatory voted Silver BEST Dance Studio in 2023 DFW favorites

9

Art Shows

Students at FWAFA and TeSA were able to showcase their artwork on campus

40

Productions

62 total performances including, musicals, plays, dance and choir concerts, and collaborative works

7

Awards

Including Outstanding Costume Design, Dance Choreography and VASE Gold seal

25

Nominations

Between the Schmidt and Jones, Betty Lynn Buckley, and Broadway Dallas Awards

11,000

Tickets Sold

Several performances sold out, requiring encore shows to be added

FWAFA

Above Standard Achievement
FIRST rating by TEA

B

TeSA

Superior Rating
FIRST rating by TEA

A

OUR YEAR

August 5



Convocation was fantastic as we welcomed our teachers and staff with a theme of change.

August 15



Goose is thrilled with his new position at TeSA.

August 27



For the fourth consecutive year, FWAFA Thespians were recognized as a Texas Thespians Gold Honor Troupe.

August 30



Remarkable educators are being acknowledged for their exceptional teaching skills and will receive annual rewards.

September 24



SGT and TBC competed in Round 1 of TMEA All State Auditions, 21 singers advanced to round 2

September 25



Academy Musical Theatre Company, had two master classes from AMDA College and Conservatory of the Performing Arts with Broadway alumni Vasthy Mompount and from Norwalk Conservatory of the Arts with Daniel Loftus George.

October 8



Dr. J Mack Slaughter presented a scholarship award to Naomi Collins for her outstanding logo design in their Christmas musical fundraiser contest.

October 9



FWAFA alumni and current student perform for students in recognition of Hispanic heritage month.

October 24



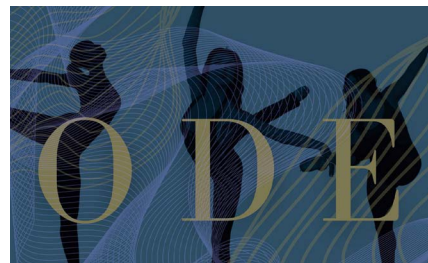
Sold out performance of the musical *The Addams Family*.

November 5



Niche ratings released, both FWAFA and TeSA rated best schools.

December 5



Academy Dance Company presents ODE their fall dance performance.

December 6



School Day performances are brought back to FWAFA as our dancers perform for visiting schools from Crowley ISD.

December 13



State Board of Education Member, Brandon Hall, for Region 11, visited FWAFA students.

December 20



FWAFA theatre teacher Darla Jones is inducted into Texas Thespians Hall of Fame.

January 14



Virginia Szok's artwork was selected by the Youth Art Month Committee for the Texas Art Education Association Youth Art Month Spring Exhibition 2025!

January 15



Fort Worth Country Day donated 40 desks to TeSA.

February 5



FWAFA art aprons for students who received awards at the Texas High School Visual Art Scholastic Event (VASE). Annually, they will attach a pin for each achievement.

February 13



TeSA students compete with their elite musical theatre troupe from Chapelhouse Studios at the Junior Theater Festival in Sacramento, California

February 22



TBC Spring performance makes a splash with Water Music.

February 27



Lilah H. 6th Grade at FWAFA wins the Stage West Education Department 2024 Neighborhood Play Contest with "Dig Deeper".

March 1



All goes right and wrong at the amazing sold out performance of *The Play That Goes Wrong*.

March 5



TeSA 4th Grader Khalise wins The Stage West Education Department 2024 Neighborhood Play Contest, "The Chocolate Dragon" was produced in this year's Festival of the Kid.

March 5



Academy Singers awarded Performance of Distinction at the American Classics Madrigal Festival.

March 13



FWAFA received a preliminary award of \$100,000 for the LASO Cycle 3 grant aimed at establishing an Early College High School.

March 24



At the Arts Fort Worth Summit TCA+A President/CEO and Superintendent Dr. Anika Perkins participates as panelist.

April 7



Texas Boys Choir delivered an outstanding performance for the residents of the James L. West Center for Dementia.

April 10



Learning and growing TBC travels to in their Hawaii Tour.

April 14



SGT is up and away on their Great Smokies Tour through Arkansas, Tennessee, and Georgia.

April 26



Mya Rivera earned a Gold seal in the VASE competition, top 1% of art in the state of Texas!

May 4



This year's seniors participated in signing day, announcing what college they would attend.

May 8



3 FWFA SFA Awards Winners
Olivia - Lighting Design
Anna - Costume Design
Avery - Dance Choreography

IN REVIEW

May 16



A huge success for our elementary musical *The Lion King*.

May 30



Anna T. & Anna G. were awarded Casa Mañana's Betty Lynn Buckley Awards for Excellence in Costume Design for *The Addams Family Musical*.

May 12



TeSA shows magic on stage with *Aladdin*.

May 18



We gathered in celebration of the students of TCA+A at our annual Gala.

June 16



TBC performs at Inauguration of Mayor and City Council of the City of Dallas - City Hall.

June 21

FWAFA Leads The Way in Test Scores



Read more about how Fort Worth Academy of Fine Arts stands out in academics
Fort Worth Star-Telegram
story By Lina Ruiz (Updated June 17, 2025 6:35 PM)

Star Telegram notes Fort Worth Academy of Fine Arts ranked among the top public school districts in Tarrant County.

July 7



TCA+A celebrates 40 years as a member of the Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce.

July 30



Even with a shorter rehearsal time, summer conservatories bring magic to *Matilda*.

July 31



Singing Girls of Texas perform at the luncheon hosted by the Fort Worth Metropolitan Black Chamber of Commerce.



The Penny Clay Service Award was presented to Dr. Polman of FWAFA, Mrs. Wilcox of TeSA, and Dr. Johnson, TBC Alumni.

Throughout the building guests were immersed in student performances, and powerful videos highlighting critical facility needs.



FWAFA Alumni Alvaro Aguilar and Sydney Dotson

The celebration was masterfully emceed by Alvaro Aguilar '19 and featured alumni performances by The Plum Boys, Camryn Wright, Courtney Lynn, Sydney Dotson, and Ethan Prickett—an inspiring testament to the lasting impact of our arts education community.

The 2025 Gala: A Future Lit by Imagination raised an incredible \$57,000 in support of our campuses.

While it felt as though we hosted two galas in one school year, the events occurred in separate fiscal years—and thanks to valuable feedback from attendees, faculty, and students, we successfully moved the Gala up by three months while maintaining strong profitability.

A Future Lit by Imagination

Learn more about our next gala

The annual TCA+A is our largest fundraising event and provides an opportunity for our community to come together and celebrate the power and magic of the arts.



FINANCIALS

How are Charter Schools Funded? Charter schools receive state funds based on the number of students who attend (same as traditional public schools). However, charter schools receive less funding than traditional public schools as they do not receive any local taxpayer dollars. -txcharterschools.org

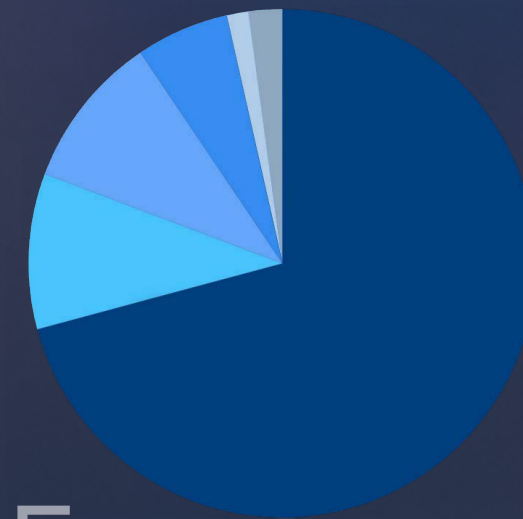
Due to the absence of local tax dollars, charters receive **94%** of the funding that traditional ISDs collect.

On average, this equates to **\$700** less per student each year.

Grants and Awards

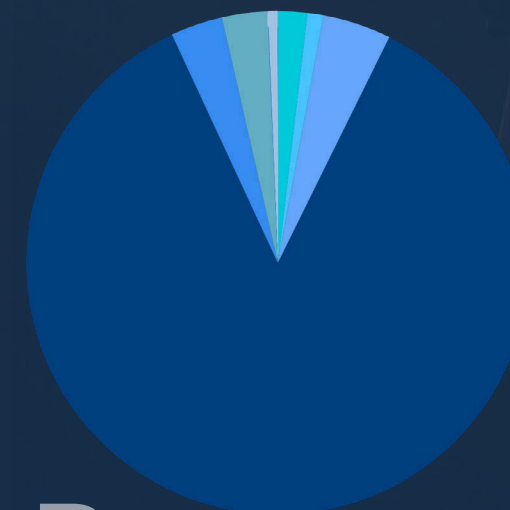
- Anna W. & Alexander P. Thornton Charitable Trust \$7,000
- Amon G. Carter Foundation \$90,000
- Ryan Foundation \$20,000
- The Joyce Peugh Pate Capper Charitable Trust \$10,000
- Cecile Montgomery Charitable Account \$250

Other Funding
24-25 Annual Campaign \$27k



- Total: \$11,640,436
- Instructional and Leadership Services: \$8,381,155
- Support Services: \$1,041,216
- Administrative Support: \$1,358,517
- Student Support: \$684,404
- Debt Service: \$64,837
- Fundraising: \$110,307

Expenses



- Total: \$11,538,273
- State Programs: \$10,156,956
- Program Services: \$510,291
- Federal Programs: \$215,848
- Cocurricular & Enterprising Activities: \$250,763
- Contributions: \$171,715
- Fundraising: \$56,464
- Other: \$176,236

Revenue



The TCA+A facility assessment scorecard evaluates each campus across multiple categories, including site systems and components; architectural systems such as roofs, doors, windows, and flooring; structural systems; and MEP systems, including electrical, HVAC, and plumbing, providing a comprehensive overview of facility conditions.



Fort Worth Academy of Fine Arts received a score of 2.97



Texas School of the Arts received a score of 3.6



Facility Assessment

(1 = unsatisfactory, 5 = excellent).

\$85,000 Amon G. Carter Foundation Investment

Thanks to the generous partnership of the Amon G. Carter Foundation, TCA+A initiated a detailed evaluation of its facilities in November 2024 at Fort Worth Academy of Fine Arts and Texas School of the Arts. This \$85,000 investment supports a long-range strategy to address critical needs, extend the life of both campuses, and ensure that students continue to thrive in spaces designed to support both academic excellence and artistic growth.



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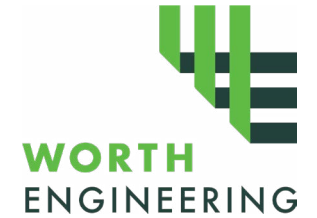
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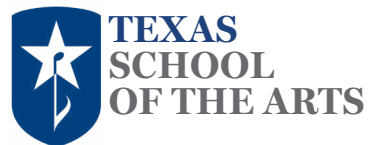
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