



# TEXAS SCHOOL OF THE ARTS

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Dear Texas School of the Arts Families,

I am so excited to inform you that the expansion of Fort Worth Academy of Fine Arts (FWAFA) has been approved by the Texas Education Agency (TEA) as of February 25, 2026.

Beginning in the 2026-2027 school year, Texas School of the Arts (TeSA) will transition to become a campus within the Fort Worth Academy of Fine Arts school district. This step allows us to strengthen the long-term sustainability of the campus while expanding opportunities for our students and preserving the vibrant arts-centered learning environment that defines Texas School of the Arts.

Therefore, Texas School of the Arts is not closing. Students will continue attending school at the same campus and will continue to experience the strong arts culture and supportive community that families value.

FWAFA will expand into a school district structure that includes three campuses:

- Fort Worth Academy of Fine Arts Elementary (Grades 3–6)-Hulen
- Texas School of the Arts (Grades K–5)-Village Pkwy
- Fort Worth Academy of Fine Arts Secondary (Grades 7–12)-Hulen

We want to assure you that this transition will be simple and seamless. Students currently enrolled at Texas School of the Arts during the 2025-2026 school year will automatically become Fort Worth Academy of Fine Arts students, and families will only need to register their student through the Ascender parent portal beginning in May for the 2026-2027 school year (more information about registering your student for 2026-2027 will be provided in May).

If your student is not returning next school year to TeSA, please inform the campus Attendance Clerk, Cynthia Rey at [Cynthia.rey@mytesa.org](mailto:Cynthia.rey@mytesa.org) as soon as possible.

We also recognize that families may have questions about what this means for teachers, programming, and daily school life. Our goal is to maintain the strong relationships and traditions that make this campus special while providing additional support and opportunities through the Fort Worth Academy of Fine Arts network.

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Over the coming weeks, we will share additional information and provide opportunities for families to learn more about the transition. We will also publish a Frequently Asked Questions document to address common questions and ensure everyone has clear and accurate information on our website.

Texas School of the Arts has built an incredible community of students, educators, and families who believe deeply in the power of the arts. By joining Fort Worth Academy of Fine Arts, we are building on that foundation and ensuring that students continue to have access to exceptional arts and academic opportunities for years to come.

Thank you for your continued support and trust as we begin this exciting new chapter together.

Sincerely,

*Anika Perkins*

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CEO/President & Superintendent