Lakeview Centennial College and Career Magnet

Classical



Program Overview:

The "classical" strand of curriculum from the Classical Centers at Vial Elementary and Brandenburg Middle Schools expands to the high school level. In addition to the Piano, Dance, Latin and Gymnastics courses, LCHS offers a full range of fine arts courses including Band, Choir, Advanced Art, and Theatre.

General Requirements:

- Students must score in the 50th percentile or above on recent Standardized Achievement tests in Reading and Math
- Incoming 9th or 10th grade students only
- Apply through Skyward select Classical and Career, select specific program
- Brandenburg Magnet students are eligible to continue in current program

Dance - Students mainly study three different genres of dance: Ballet, Jazz, and Contemporary in the Classical Dance Magnet Program. There are four levels, and each student will have a placement workshop to determine the appropriate level. In addition to those three genres of dance, students will have the opportunity to study Hip-Hop, African, and learn how to create their own choreography. The Dance Magnet Program has their own award-winning dance company called LCDC, which is comprised of the most talented dancers in the Dance Magnet Program. Emphasis is placed on performance, technique, and dance related careers.

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Gymnastics - Students will participate in competitive meets on either the Varsity or JV teams. Students meet off campus and transportation is provided. Gymnastics has the following levels: beginner, intermediate, and advanced levels. Tryouts are required.

Piano - Piano classes are offered to beginning students and also to those with experience. Basic piano skills are taught to the beginning students, with enrichment opportunities for the beginning and the advancing students. Students with private instructors may take the piano magnet program to incorporate practice time and ensemble playing during the school day. Music theory, history and composition are taught in the piano program.

Band, Choir, Theatre Arts, Advanced Art - available for all students; auditions and additional requirements are necessary for individual programs.

Student Leadership Organizations:

University Interscholastic League (Band, Choir, and Theatre

- LCDC Dance Company
- Gymnastics State Qualifiers
- VASE Advanced Art Competition

Brenda Whitlow (BHWhitlo@garlandisd.net) - Mrs. Whitlow is a graduate of Henderson State University. She graduated with a Bachelor of Music Education majoring in piano/choral music. Mrs. Whitlow is in her 17th year of teaching piano at Lakeview Centennial High School. She has a combined industry and teaching experience of 30+ years.

Christopher Loyd (CMLoyd@garlandisd.net) A graduate of Henderson State University and the prestigious Jacob's School of Music at Indiana University, Mr. Loyd holds a Bachelor of Music, and Master of Music degree. With a combined total of 13 years of experience, he has served as Director of Bands at Lakeview Centennial for 4 years.

Holly A. Stone (hstone@garlandisd.net) - Ms. Stone is a graduate of Texas A&M University-Commerce. She graduated with a Bachelor's of Science in Theatre emphasizes on Education and a Masters in Theatre. She is a Dual Credit teacher through Eastfield College and the lead Director at Lakeview Centennial High School Theatre Department.

Robert Aprea (raprea@garlandisd.net) - Mr. Aprea is a graduate of Arkansas Tech University with a Bachelor of Arts in Speech and Theatre then a Master of Fine Arts in Theatre from Texas Tech University. He has combined entertainment industry and teaching experience of 27 years. His teaching philosophy is to provide current information while fostering a creative environment where students have the opportunity to apply what they have learned through guided collaboration.

Instructors:

Christal Post- (CKPost@garlandisd.net) Mrs. Post is a graduate of Southern Methodist University with a B.F.A. in Dance Performance. She danced professionally with the Bruce Wood Dance Company and has taught dance at many studios in the metroplex. Mrs. Post has been the Dance Magnet Director for the past 8 years and is very proud of how much the program has grown over the years. She teaches Levels 2-4, and directs the award winning Lakeview Centennial Dance Company.

Da'On Boulanger-Chatman- (DBoulangerChatman@garlandisd.net) is a graduate of Stephen F. Austin University. While at SFA, Mr. Boulanger-Chatman earned a bachelor's degree in Music Education with all-level certification and a master's degree in Music Conducting. He is currently a member of the Dallas Symphony Chorus and has been invited to sing with the Mesquite Symphony Orchestra as a tenor soloist.

Julie Gawel (JAGawel@garlandisd.net) - teaches Art IB Sculpture, Art 1A Drawing & Painting, Art II-Painting, Art II-Drawing, Art 3 Drawing, Art 3 Painting 3, and AP Art Drawing, AP 2D Design, and AP 3D. She also sponsors the Right Siders Art Club. Ms. Gawel is originally from Michigan and has been teaching art for 28 years. She has a Bachelor of Fine Arts from Alma College, an Art Education degree from Eastern Michigan University and a Masters in Educational Leadership from the University of Houston - Clear Lake. She spent 19 years teaching high school and middle school in the Houston area and these last 9 years in Garland. She is the Arts Education PTSA board member for Lakeview.