



**There's a fine art  
to crafting successful talent.**



**North Valley Arts Academies**  
at PVSchools



Welcome to the North Valley Arts Academies (NVAA) in the Paradise Valley Unified School District (PVSchools). The NVAA is an integrated Fine Arts program for grades 5-12, with multiple entry points throughout the grade levels. The NVAA program offers rigorous core curriculum academics paired with a Fine Arts program that includes dance, visual arts, music technology, and theatre that expands and intensifies as students advance through the program.

NVAA is exclusively offered at **Desert Cove Elementary, Shea Middle, and Shadow Mountain High School**. Enrollment in the program is open to students from within school district boundaries, as well as students outside of the school district boundaries. Our open enrollment policy enables any Arizona student, regardless of city of residence, to enroll. Students who have a passion, desire, and interest in learning and improving their skills in theatre, dance, visual arts, or music technology are invited to consider enrolling in NVAA.

To learn more about the program, including benefits, college and career opportunities in the arts, and how to enroll in the program, please visit [www.pvschools.net/NVAA](http://www.pvschools.net/NVAA).

Thank you for considering the NVAA program!

Warm Regards,

Joel Taylor, M.Ed  
Director of Fine Arts Education

## NVAA Advisory Board

The NVAA Advisory Board consists of professional artists, art organizations, community college and university Fine Arts faculty members, NVAA teaching staff, district and school administration, parents, and students. The role of the Advisory Board is to provide input on the overall vision, goals, and strategic planning for the NVAA program.

## NVAA Partnerships

- Musical Instrument Museum
- Alice Cooper's Solid Rock Teen Center
- Phoenix Center for the Arts
- Cosanti Foundation
- Paradise Valley Community College
- Arizona State University/ Herberger Institute for Design and the Arts



*The Visual Arts program has elevated my daughter's creativity by introducing her to various mediums. It helped her blossom into an amazing artist as she continues her artistic journey in high school. I am amazed at what she has created. The program encourages a better self esteem in the students.*



- Helen Calvo, parent



# Programs of Study

There are four disciplines of study within the NVAA program - Dance, Music Technology, Theater and Visual Arts.

## Dance

If your child possesses a love of movement, the NVAA Dance track is ideal for honing skills and propelling him or her onto a successful dance career.

The NVAA Dance track provides the essential skills and techniques that are needed to become a successful dancer. In the early years of the program, students will learn the methodology for popular dance styles such as ballet, jazz, hip hop, and contemporary dance and learn about choreography and creativity. In later years, your child will progress on to advanced and complex dance techniques, production, the history of dance, and more.

## Music Technology

Students in the NVAA Music Technology Program explore the development and production of sound in a progressively more intense curriculum to gain the skills to work in the music production industry.

Students collaborate with other NVAA programs in projects such as mixing and operating microphones for theater, as well as creating music to accompany various dance and visual art projects.

## Theater

Does your child have a desire to tread the boards of Broadway? The road to opening night may be a difficult one, but your child will learn the skills and gain the confidence to become a future showstopper in the NVAA Theater track.

The NVAA Theater track can set your child on the path to realize that dream. Elementary students begin their journey learning fundamental performance and storytelling skills such as role-play, puppetry, playwriting and performance, before moving on to advanced acting techniques, design, theater history, direction, improv, and musical theater in higher grades.

## Visual Arts

Traditional tools and modern technology collide in the NVAA Visual Arts Program as students explore the vast array of artistic media, coding, web design, photography, and more. Students will learn how to market their artwork and apply for a multitude of opportunities available in the community. Field trips to museums, studios, and businesses will introduce students to the vast and exciting careers available in the field of art. Guest artists will share their skills and experiences in their area of expertise as they work with students in the classroom.

As your child progresses through the grades, he or she will narrow the scope of their work, specializing and refining their techniques, with the goal of creating students looking to excel in an art-related career.

For more information, please visit our website at: [www.pvschools.net/NVAA](http://www.pvschools.net/NVAA)

“ Our daughter has been in the NVAA Dance program since it started... They’ve studied so many genres of dance, put on fantastic showcases, and had more and more experiences in the world of the arts outside of school. She’s been encouraged to develop her passion for choreography, which has been so exciting to see. ”  
- Tim and Donna Godel, parents



Whether your child is passionate about dance, theater, music technology, or visual arts, PVSchools offers an outlet for your child to express his or her creative passions with a seamless continuation from elementary school through high school.

If your child has the desire to cultivate his or her passion for the fine and performing arts, then the **North Valley Fine Arts Academies at PVSchools** is the program they've been waiting for.

### About PVSchools

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- PVSchools hires only the best teachers - 100 percent of our teachers are Certified and Highly Qualified.
- PVSchools has one of the highest concentration of National Board Certified Teachers (NBCT) in the Valley. NBCT is an elite group of minority teachers in which only three percent of all United States teachers pass a rigorous board certified process.
- According to the 2018 Arizona Auditor General's Report, PVSchools continues to outperform both the state and peer district averages for the percent of funds in the classroom.

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 Discover more: [pvschools.net/NVAA](https://pvschools.net/NVAA)

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Elementary School

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**Shea**  
Middle School

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**Shadow Mountain**  
High School

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