

## ABOUT THE

### Paseo Academy of Fine and Performing Arts

Paseo was first designed by architect Charles A. Smith in 1924 and was completed in 1926 to relieve crowding in Central and West Port High Schools. The completed building, located just east of historic Paseo Boulevard near Brush Creek, was five stories high including the basement floor. In 1990, the building was demolished to make way for the new, updated performing arts school.



The present building, opened in 1991, offers varying venues for arts presentations in a large theater, a more intimate recital hall, a dramatic “black box” and an art gallery. Spacious art classrooms provide facilities for work with various art media including metal sculpture and ceramics.



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# Preparing for and Connecting Worldwide to the Arts

## HOME OF THE PIRATES



## Paseo Academy of the Fine and Performing Arts

*Serving Students Seventh through Twelfth Grades*



# COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Community is an important thread in the overall tapestry of Paseo. Through a highly experienced network of community partnerships and volunteers, students enjoy a variety of opportunities to hone their craft and prepare for the future. Our Community Partners commit their time, talents and efforts to raise academic achievement and help provide guidance and resources for the next step in a student's professional journey.

We work with community professionals to visit classes and share with our students what they do and how they impact the community. Volunteers share about their job experiences, interesting projects and what it takes to earn their degree and succeed in their industry.

In addition, Community Partners provide performance and exhibition opportunities for students, arts workshops, financial support, development workshops, educational mentoring, seminars and much more.



## ABOUT PASEO

Paseo Academy of Fine and Performing Arts is a signature school of Kansas City Public Schools with a performing arts program that includes, dance, visual arts, fashion design, graphic arts, video production, instrumental and vocal music, technical theater, creative writing and drama.

The teachers at Paseo Academy have an extensive background in the arts and are dedicated to providing students with outstanding educational opportunities through a wide variety of creative experiences.

Locally and nationally celebrated writers, artists, actors, musicians and dancers provide additional instruction, with many serving as artists-in-residence, lecturers and master teachers. This training also prepares our students to successfully participate in local, regional and national performances, as well as exhibitions and arts competitions.

In addition to offering extensive training in the arts, Paseo also provides a rigorous academic program to prepare students for college and postsecondary advanced studies. Each year, graduating seniors are awarded thousands of dollars in scholarships to various colleges and universities, internships and on-the-job shadowing, with many graduates receiving an Associate's degree in addition to their high school diploma.

### Serving students

Seventh thru Twelfth Grades

### Bell Times:

7:20 am – 2:20 pm

### Zone:

Paseo is a signature school. Any student within the KCPS boundary may apply.



Kansas City Reparatory Theatre  
UMKC Dance Conservatory  
Park University  
The Kansas City Star  
Sprint  
Nelson Atkins Museum  
Kansas City Friends of Chamber Music  
The Kansas City Symphony  
Prep KC  
Coterie Theatre  
Kansas City Friends of Alvin Ailey  
Liberty Public Schools  
Missouri Arts Council  
MRI Global  
Avila College  
Metropolitan Ensemble Theatre  
KC Branch of English-Spanish Speaking & Shakespeare Acting Union  
Harvesters Food Pantry  
Inergy Corporation  
Kingwood Gallery

Kansas City Young Audiences  
Kansas City Power & Light Hallmark  
The Culture House  
Storling Dance Theatre  
Owen Cox Dance Group  
The Kansas City Public Library  
United Inner City Services  
Chalk & Walk  
Vine Street Gallery  
National Association of Insurance Commissioners  
Matte Rhodes  
Andrews McMeel Universal  
The Kemper Museum  
Red Star Studio  
Leopald Gallery  
Council Member Third District - Jermain Reed  
Kauffman Scholars Program  
COMBAT (Jackson County)  
The Justice Project

UBU Productions  
Marching Cobras  
Exposure  
Life Guarding & Youth Development  
My Arts  
The Grammy Museum  
Gates Barbeque  
Houston Enterprises  
Bruce R. Watkins Cultural Heritage Center  
Brush Creek Community Center  
American Jazz Museum  
H & R Block  
Lyric Opera  
Daughters of Divine Destiny  
Sons of Divine Purpose  
Heart of America Shakespeare Festival  
Performance Painting  
KC Melting Pot  
Missouri Alliance for Arts Education

# ENROLLMENT FAQ

Paseo Academy of Fine and Performing Arts is a KCPS signature school. Students who want to attend Paseo Academy of Fine and Performing Arts must:

1. Obtain an Audition packet. Audition packets are available in the Paseo front office or by email.
2. Prepare for the audition, call the school to schedule an audition time and successfully complete the audition process. Student will be notified of acceptance by phone or mail.
3. Criteria admittance to Paseo Academy of Fine and Performing Arts is based upon the following:
  - Preparing and successfully completing the audition
  - A 2.0 grade point average
  - 85% (or better) attendance
  - Behavior and discipline record free of chronic discipline incidents
4. Applications are not accepted until the student has successfully passed the audition.



## OUR MISSION

Paseo is a signature school of Kansas City Public Schools with a thriving performing arts program that includes, dance, visual arts, fashion design, graphic arts, video production, instrumental and vocal music, technical theater and drama.



## CAREER ACADEMICS

Career Academics of Paseo are an academic compliment to the current fine and performing arts majors. Students are still required to choose an arts major and audition to get accepted to the school. Within their accepted major, the student will choose a Career Academy that is associated with their chosen art.

The Career Academics at Paseo will preserve the integrity and history of the arts programs while at the same time adding to the academic rigor of the school. The career academy program will prepare Paseo students to use their chosen arts path to start a career.

### Middle School Career and Arts Academy.

During middle school years, students will be enrolled in an exploratory Arts and Career Academy courses. Students are encouraged to develop a plan that will create a successful exit whether they dive directly from high school into a career, attend a two-year college, get a four-year degree, or attain a post-graduate degree.

### Freshman Career and Arts Academy.

All incoming freshmen enroll in English/Language Arts, Mathematics, Science and Social Studies courses along with the introductory Arts and Career Academy course.

### High School (10-12) Career and Arts Academy.

During Paseo students' upper years, the High School Arts & Career Academics are small, personalized learning communities to guide students toward success in their chosen career. Students get to choose their Academy based on the ten-year-plan they create as middle schoolers. Students complete academy requirements within the regular school day, with the possible exception of some internships.



## EARN A COLLEGE DEGREE

### Early College Academy (ECA)

ECA is a partnership between KCPS and Metropolitan Community College – Penn Valley. The program was developed for highly motivated KCPS high school students ready to leave the high school environment and participate in the rigor as a full-time college student.

ECA students earn high school credits while also earning college credits as they attend full-time classes on the Penn Valley college campus. The ultimate goal is for KCPS students to graduate with both their high school diploma and an Associate's degree. Tuition, fees and books are covered as part of the program; however, students need to provide their own transportation to campus.

ECA students are considered both high school and college students. While attending Penn Valley, students retain their standing as a high school student within their home school. This allows students access to resources at both a high school and college levels and allows students to participate in their home schools' extra-curricular activities.





# PASEO COURSES & PATHWAYS

## INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

Instrumental Music students have many opportunities at Paseo to showcase their talent by participating in Jazz Band, Concert Band, Orchestra and String Ensemble. Paseo's instrumental music students have been recognized at district, state and national competitions and perform at a variety of events in the Kansas City area. Many instrumentalists earn scholarships at colleges and universities across the country.

## VOCAL MUSIC

Vocal Music students develop a theoretical, historical and aesthetic knowledge of music. Classes offered are Vocal Pedagogy, Music Theory, Concert Choir, Chamber Choir and individualized studies. Paseo music students are recognized in district, state and national competitions and have performance opportunities throughout the Kansas City metropolitan area. Upon completion of their choral studies, many vocal music majors receive scholarships for post-secondary studies and are also prepared to begin a professional career in the music industry.

## THEATRE

Theatre students develop analytical and oral language skills as well as self-confidence and associated disciplines for careers in the entertainment industry, public speaking, law and politics. State-of-the-art theatre facilities provide students with an opportunity to explore directing techniques, improvisation and various acting methodologies. Students have the opportunity to perform in three different venues and experience professional theatre, as well as various performance competitions through alliances with various theatre companies in the Kansas City area.

## FASHION AND COSTUME DESIGN

Fashion and Costume Design at Paseo is a hands-on, educational program that prepares students for the apparel and costume design industry. Students study apparel design, fashion illustration, textiles, entrepreneurship and other related design and marketing concepts. Fashion students participate in and produce an annual fashion show featuring individual student designs and fashion lines. The courses offered in Paseo's Fashion and Costume Design Department prepare our students for careers in the fashion and/or theatrical costume design and marketing industries.

## TECHNICAL THEATRE

Technical Theatre students learn the basics in technical theatre production and design. Students build sets, learn the concepts of stage management, lighting and sound. Students assist in the technical production of all Paseo performances, district and community events. After graduation, many students begin their professional career in local and national production companies. Students can earn college credit for advanced classes in set design, lighting and sound production.

## CREATIVE WRITING

Creative Writing students learn the fundamentals of writing, editing and publishing original works as they study poetry, fiction, non-fiction and playwriting. Many students are published authors with articles in both local and national publications. Students who major in Creative Writing have opportunities to participate in contests and Spoken Word venues throughout Kansas City. Students have won state and national honors featuring original works.

## DANCE

Dance majors study a wide range of genres including ballet, modern, jazz, tap, contemporary and hip-hop. Dance majors are featured performers in various Kansas City and school-based productions throughout the year. Alvin Ailey Dance Company has partnered with Paseo to provide dance students the opportunity to experience professionally trained dancers, artists-in-residence and master classes in various styles and techniques.

## VISUAL ARTS

Visual Art students are transformed into creative problem-solvers in courses like drawing, painting, photography, printmaking, ceramics, sculpture and graphic design. Paseo artists develop award winning portfolios and have been recognized locally and nationally through their remarkable exhibitions and by receiving scholarships to prestigious art colleges and art programs around the country.

## BROADCAST TELEVISION

Broadcast Television Production is a Career and Technical Education program. Students are introduced to the broadcast and television industry. Students majoring in Broadcast Television study writing, editing, research, interviewing and anchor procedures and the packaging of stories by creating newscasts and announcements. KCPS TV is the district's television station with broadcasts from Paseo's state-of-the-art television studio. Paseo students and original newscasts are featured weekly on Time Warner Cable, Channel 18 and also featured on YouTube.