

# CONSIDERING A FUTURE IN THE FINE ARTS!



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# MUSIC

## Career Pathways

- performer
- composer
- teacher
- conductor
- supply industry
- instrument repair
- audio engineer
- arts management
- etc.



# MUSIC

## Your High School Experience



- UIL/TMEA performance opportunities
- Community performance opportunities (contests, etc.)
- Leadership (officers, section leaders)
- Academic Standing
- Service Opportunities
- etc.

# MUSIC



## Your Marketing Plan

- College Visits
- Key Staff Member Meetings
- Auditions
- Theory placement exams



# Theatre

HOW TO LET YOUR DREAMS SOAR  
WITH YOUR FEET PLANTED FIRMLY ON THE GROUND

# Career Paths

- Stage or Screen actor
- Voice actor
- Stunt/Fight Choreographer
- Stunt person
- Stage or screen director
- Producer
- Playwright



# Career Paths

- Screenwriter
- Dramaturg
- Literary Manager
- Casting Director
- Creative Development

LANGHAM CREEK



# Career Paths

- Lighting: Designer, Board Operator, Master Electrician, Technician
- Sound: Designer, Board Operator
- Projections: Designer, Programmer, Operator
- Sets: Designer, Carpenter
- Stage Manager
- Production Manager
- Technical Director



# Career Paths

- Props: Designer, Artisan
- Costumes: Designer, Construction
- Wigs, Hair & Makeup: Designer, Artist
- Stagehands or Road crew
- Arts Management
- Arts Marketing
- Theatre Educator



# Preparing for Success

- Become highly-involved at your school
- Read and watch plays!
- Learn to format a theatrical resume
- Actors, build a repertoire of contrasting monologues
- Technicians and Designers, document everything! Build a technical theatre portfolio which includes your process.
- Future educators, do a bit of both.

# Preparing for Success

- Audition!
- Campus visits
- Find the program that's right for you.

## Undergraduate Degrees in Theatre

Primarily...

- Acting/Directing
- Technical Theatre
- Theatre Education

...but other specialties exist.

# BUILDING YOUR PORTFOLIO

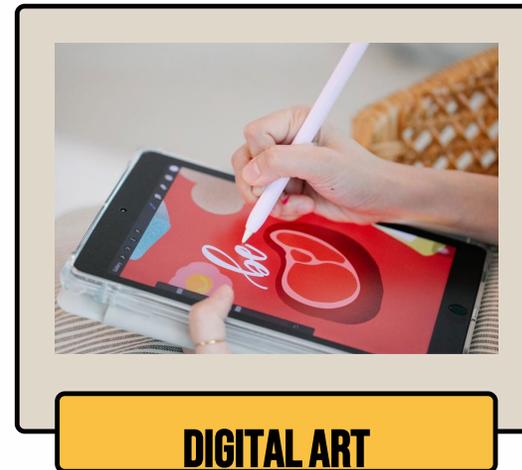
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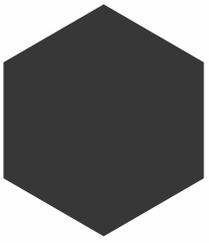
Having a passion for art and creativity is a great starting point for pursuing a major in the creative field.



# 1. EDUCATION BACKGROUND:

- **Foundational Art Classes:** Taking a variety of foundational art classes in high school builds a diverse range of artwork in your portfolio, showcasing proficiency in different mediums, styles, and subject matters.
- **Advanced Placement (AP) Studio Art Courses:** These courses offer a more rigorous curriculum and provide an opportunity to create a portfolio for college credit.
- **Digital Art and Technology:** There is a growing importance of digital art and technology. Students need more experience in this field.
- **Art History:** Take AP or Dual Credit Art History to develop an understanding of various art movements and styles. This knowledge can enrich your artistic perspective.





# TAKE HIGH SCHOOL ART COURSES:



## Suggested Course Sequence:

Choosing two foundational art strands post-Art I is vital for skill growth and a robust college art portfolio. For example, progression might look like 9th grade: Art I Photography, 10th grade: Art II Photo, 11th grade: Art II Digital Art, and 12th grade: AP 2D (digital art or photo) + 1 AP or DC Art History, ensuring students earn 2 college art credits before graduation.

## Foundational Course Strands (Art Levels I-IV)

- Drawing & Painting
- Digital Art Media
- Photography
- Sculpture & Ceramics

## AP & Dual Credit Courses

- AP Drawing
- AP Photography
- AP Digital Art Media
- AP Sculpture
- AP Art History OR Dual Credit Art History

## 2. EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:



### Art Achievements For Your College Resume

Participating in competitions can enhance your portfolio and demonstrate your commitment to the arts.



### HIGH SCHOOL ART CONTEST

#### Fall Contests:

- Association of Texas Photography Instructors (ATPI) Fall Contest
- Scholastic Art & Writing
- Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo School Art Contest

#### Spring Contests:

- Visual Arts Scholastic Event (VASE)
- Pearl Fincher Museum of Fine Arts Contest
- CFISD Tech Logo Fest

# GAIN LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

Participation in art-related organizations and workshops helps gain real-world experiences and opportunities to learn from professionals.

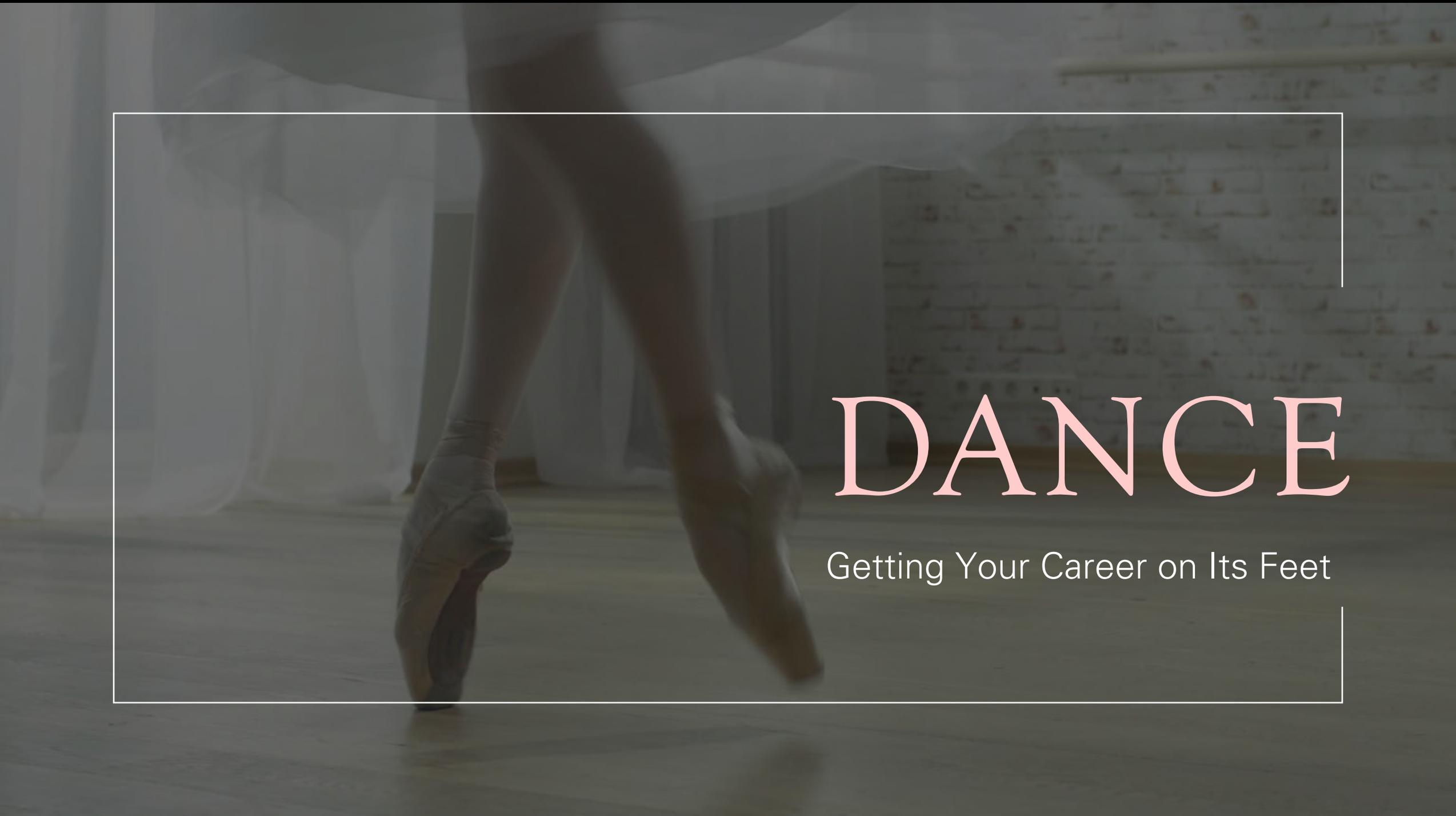


## Internships and Workshops:

- Houston Rodeo Western Art Academy offers winning students to attend summer camps to strengthen their art skills.
- CFISD Tech Logo Design Contest offers students internship experience.
- Visual Art Scholastic Event (VASE) offers workshops to students who advance in the state contest.

## High school Art Organizations:

- National Art Honor Society (NAHS)
- Art Club
- Photo Club



# DANCE

Getting Your Career on Its Feet

# CAREER PATHS:

- Performer (multiple genres)
- Educator (multiple settings)
- Choreographer
- Arts Administration
- Dance Fitness Instructor
- Dance Costume Designer
- Dance Therapist
- Studio Owner
- Artistic Director

# HOW TO PREPARE:

- **Hone your craft:** Dance classes, both in school and studio settings
- **Document!** Begin filming your performances and/or choreography. Build a digital portfolio of your work.

**Consider & Investigate:** Conservatory or Liberal Arts Program? What's best for you? BA or BFA? Concentration? (But remember, your opportunities will be more based on your merit as a dancer than your degree type.)

**Campus visits**

# COLLEGE AUDITIONS:

- Auditioning starts as early as October
- Get your audition solo choreographed early to eliminate stress. Recommend summer before your senior.
- Read the audition requirements carefully.
- Demonstration of willingness to learn is as important, if not more important than current skill. Take direction!

**Best of Luck to you as  
you consider a future  
in The Arts!**

