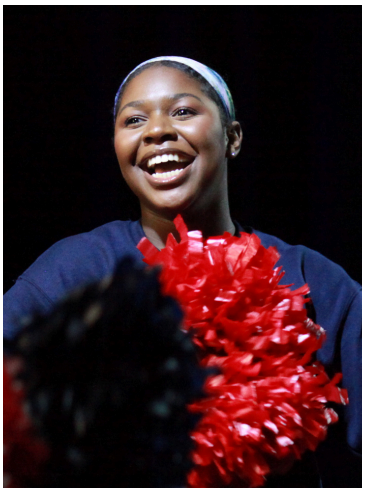
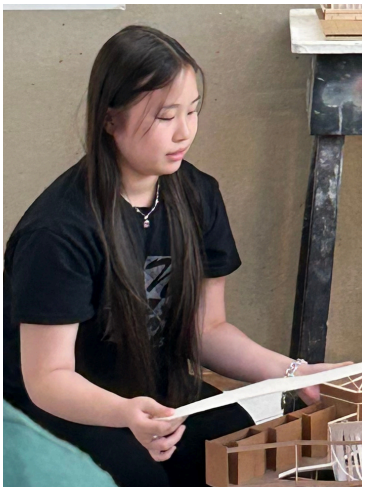



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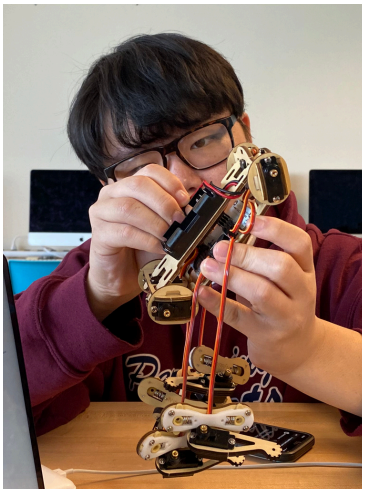
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Middle & High School

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Important Admissions Dates for Fall 2026

Lottery Application Opens
September 19, 2025
The lottery application for the 2026-2027 school year becomes available online on our website at ppa.stringtheoryschools.org/apply

Lottery Application Deadline
January 20, 2026

Application Pause Period
January 21, 2026 - February 22, 2026
The lottery application is paused; no applications will be accepted during this time frame.

Lottery Day
February 4, 2026

Notification Day
February 6, 2026

Deadline to Accept Lottery Offer
February 20, 2026

Post-Deadline Application Period Begins
February 23, 2026
Lottery applications accepted at this time are added to the bottom of the waitlist in the order they are received.



WELCOME TO THE VINE STREET CAMPUS



Emily Walkiewicz

Emily Walkiewicz
Head of School
Philadelphia Performing Arts
Vine Street Campus

"AT PHILADELPHIA PERFORMING ARTS, WE'RE PROUD TO BE GROWING THE NEXT GENERATION OF CREATIVE LEADERS."

Hello prospective family! My name is Emily Walkiewicz, and I am the Head of School at the Vine Street Campus. I am delighted to share with you the unique opportunities that await your student here.

The curriculum and culture of Philadelphia Performing Arts is designed to inspire students to pursue their passions in the arts and academics. Our faculty comprises dedicated educators, industry professionals, and artists-in-residence who prepare students for post-secondary studies and beyond.

At the heart of our school is our innovative Majors Program, where students dive deep into their interests while building expertise in fields ranging from classical ballet to digital media. This specialized focus is complemented by real-world experience through our robust internship partnerships with leading companies and organizations across our region, as well as performances at professional venues and guest lectures.

We take pride in offering distinctive programs that set our students apart. Through our on-site dual enrollment partnership, IDeATE, students can take early college courses while still in high school. Our Aviation Program provides hands-on flight training, while our new School of Culinary Arts majors combine culinary artistry with entrepreneurial skills.

Beyond academics, our campus pulses with energy throughout the year. Our performance calendar features student-led theatrical productions, musicals, dance performances, and art and science exhibitions that showcase the incredible talents of our community.

I invite you to visit our campus and experience firsthand how our students thrive in this dynamic environment. Our admissions team would be honored to arrange a personalized tour for you to experience our mission in action.

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ACADEMICS

In middle school, all content areas now divided and taught by department. ELA, Math, Social Studies and Science round out the academic program. Students may take advanced classes in grades seven and eight. If students take Algebra in the eighth grade, they must also take the Keystone exam at the conclusion of the course.







At our high school, students engage in a comprehensive daily schedule designed to support both academic excellence and student well-being. The schedule incorporates five academic blocks, an extended majors period, lunch, and dedicated time for advisory and mentoring support.

We offer a tiered academic program to meet diverse student aspirations. Our College Prep courses provide a solid foundation, preparing students for success in both college and career pathways. For students seeking greater academic challenges, our Honors courses offer enhanced depth and rigor, featuring additional independent work in reading and writing. Through Advanced Placement courses, students can earn college credit by following the College Board curriculum and completing the required AP examinations. Starting in eleventh grade, qualified students may also enroll directly in the IDeATE program, an on-site dual enrollment program providing an early opportunity to experience university-level academics. Students who complete the IDeATE program graduate with their high school diploma and an Associate's Degree.

Experienced college counselors regularly assist students, from submitting college applications to interview preparations. We are proud to report that we have a 100% college acceptance rate.

HIGH SCHOOL ACADEMIC COURSES

ENGLISH

- English 1: College Prep
- English 1: Honors
- English 2: College Prep
- English 2: Honors
- English 3: College Prep
- English 3: Honors
- AP Language and Composition
- Upper Level English: Author Study: Shakespeare
- Upper Level English: Thematic Study: Why Are We Here? Exploring the Meaning of Life through Literature
- Upper Level English: Genre Study: Discovering Your Voice and Purpose through Biographies & Memoirs
- Upper Level English: Genre Study: Science Fiction
- Upper Level English Honors: Resonate: Public Speaking

MATH

- Algebra 1: College Prep
- Geometry: College Prep
- Geometry: Honors
- Algebra 2: College Prep
- Algebra 2: Honors
- Pre-Calculus: Honors
- AP Calculus available to dual enrollment students only
- Financial Literacy
- AP Statistics
- Statistics for Entrepreneurship
- Trigonometry and Applied Math

WORLD LANGUAGE

- French I
- French II
- Advanced French

SOCIAL STUDIES

- World Cultures: College Prep
- World Cultures: Honors
- American History: College Prep
- American History: Honors
- US Government: College Prep
- US Government: Honors
- AP US Government
- Philadelphia History
- African American History
- Business Ethics

SCIENCE

- Biology: College Prep
- Biology: Honors
- Chemistry
- Physics
- Environmental Science: College Prep
- Environmental Science: Honors
- Anatomy and Physiology: College Prep
- Anatomy and Physiology: Honors
- Astronomy
- Epidemiology
- Foundations of Science
- Psychology

ADDITIONAL COURSES

- AP Music Theory
- Gaming Design
- Concert Choir
- Percussion Ensemble
- Fashion Design
- Café Vine
- Pastry and Baking
- Internship
- Dual Enrollment

The curriculum at Philadelphia Performing Arts is aligned with the Pennsylvania's Standards Aligned System (SAS), http://www.pdesas.org/, and the Pennsylvania Common Core Standards, www.corestandards.org

THE MAJORS PROGRAM

WHERE STUDENT TALENT &
ACHIEVEMENT TAKE CENTER STAGE

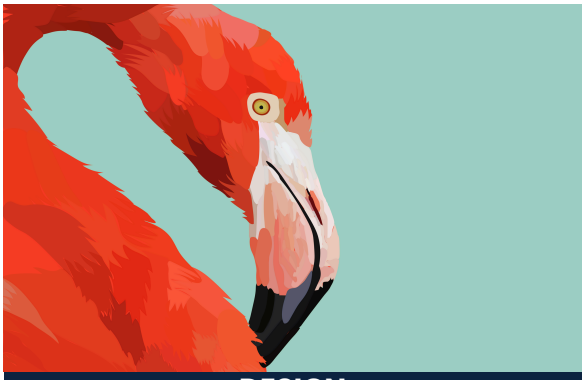
Our Majors Program allows students to pursue their interests deeply, fostering both personal growth and advanced artistic or academic knowledge. Beginning in sixth grade, students are placed in a major within one of our four schools: Performing Arts, Design, Science and Technology, or Culinary Arts.

This major becomes an integral part of their daily education through graduation. Led by highly qualified teachers who specialize in their field, students in their major collaborate with peers, participate in performances and events, and engage with outside organizations. We encourage prospective students to carefully consider all options to find the major that best aligns with their interests and goals.



PERFORMING ARTS

- Classical Ballet
- Concert Band
- Contemporary Dance
- Orchestra
- Theatre
- Vocal Music



DESIGN

- Art & Design
- Fine Arts
- 3D Design



SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

- STEM
- Life Sciences & Biotechnology
- Engineering & Robotics



CULINARY ARTS

- Café Vine
- Pastry & Baking



MAJORS EVENTS

WINTER EVENTS

String Theory Players Musical

Contemporary Dance Performance

Madrigal Dinner

Theatre Showcase

Band Concert

Orchestra Concert

Vocal Concert

The Nutcracker

Our students have many opportunities to showcase their knowledge and talents throughout the year. Below is a list of annual events, not including competitions, guest appearances, and other events that vary from year to year.

SPRING EVENTS

Music Share Day

Project Invent: Demo Day

Shakespeare in the Park

Orchestra Concert

String Theory Players Musical

Contemporary Dance Performance

Classical Ballet Performance

Theatre Performance

Music Department Concert

Design Day

Science Fair

Graduation Performance

Now Introducing: The School of Culinary Arts





Located on the first floor of the Vine Street Campus is our Pastry Lab and student-run cafe, Café Vine. **Café Vine** and **Pastry & Baking** are also the two majors within our new School of Culinary Arts. While separate majors, both Café Vine and the Pastry & Baking offer students a real-world learning environment and partner to produce fresh croissants and pastries to the café.

In the Pastry Lab, students train on professional equipment under expert guidance, with a French Pastry chef as the lead instructor. The student baristas in the café serve coffee drinks to teachers, fellow students, and the public.

These hands-on programs give students the chance to develop both their technical skills and creativity while running a genuine food service operation.

Working in these spaces, they learn every aspect of the business, from food preparation to marketing and customer service, while providing a valued service to our community.



EARLY COLLEGE PROGRAM: IDEATE



Philadelphia Performing Arts is proud to partner with an early college program called IDeATE (Innovation, Design, Arts, Technology, and Entrepreneurship). IDeATE is a two-year dual-enrollment program that begins in 11th grade. Interested students apply during their 10th-grade year to be considered for admission into the program.

IDeATE is most similar to the STEM and Design majors programming; however, all interested 10th graders are encouraged to apply. The IDeATE program is free for Philadelphia Performing Arts students, on-site at the Vine Street Campus, and blends seamlessly with the school day. IDeATE courses prioritize examining models of success, practicing techniques, and applying the knowledge and skills gleaned to authentic creative work in studios and laboratories, bringing Design Thinking to life.







ATHLETICS

HIGH SCHOOL

Athletics Director
Eric Funaro

FALL
Boys Soccer
Girls Soccer
Girls Volleyball* (Co-op with South Philadelphia High School)
Boys Football* (Co-op with South Philadelphia High School)

WINTER
Boys Basketball
Girls Basketball
Coed Cheerleading
Coed Swimming
Boys Hockey * (Co-op)

SPRING
Boys Baseball
Girls Softball
Coed Track* (Co-op)
Boys Volleyball * (Co-op with South Philadelphia High School)



MIDDLE SCHOOL

Athletics Director
Joe Dunn

FALL
Coed Soccer
Coed Volleyball

WINTER
JV Basketball (grade 6)
Boys Basketball
Girls Basketball
Bowling

SPRING
Boys Baseball
Girls Softball

CLUBS

National Honor Society (NHS) *
National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) *
String Theory Players *
Future for HER *
Middle School Year Book
High School Year Book
Art Club
Magic the Gathering Club
Debate Club
Workout Club
Book Club
Student Council *
Aviation Club

(Please note: this list changes year to year depending on student interest. Clubs marked with an * are available each school year.)

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OUR MISSION

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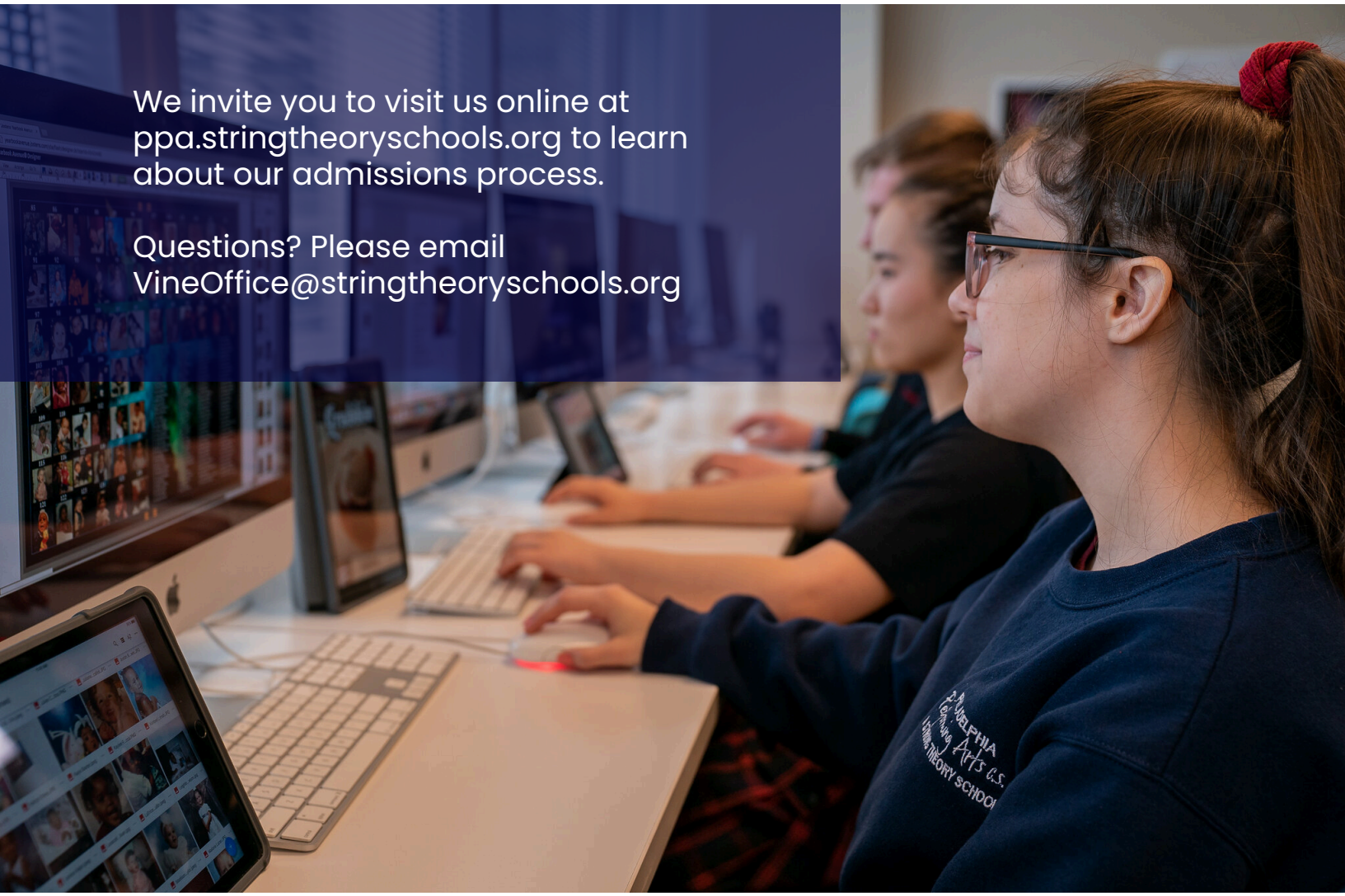
To Educate each student according to age and development so that learning and growth are united.

To Integrate the developing mind and body of the student with academics and the performing arts and sciences.

To Ensure each student's excellence in core and academic skills.

To Awaken and preserve the spirit of our students through the visual and digital arts, vocal arts, instrumental music, creative writing, classical ballet, foreign language, innovations in the field of science, all intertwined with technology, and;

To Nourish this spirit and curiosity so that students continue to flourish long after the end of formal training.



We invite you to visit us online at ppa.stringtheoryschools.org to learn about our admissions process.

Questions? Please email VineOffice@stringtheoryschools.org

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