School Profile 2025-2026

Kinder High School for the Performing and Visual Arts

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District and Community

Houston ISD, with more than 176,000 students and encompassing 333 square miles within greater Houston, is the eighth-largest public-school system in the nation and the largest in Texas. HISD is among the largest employers in Houston, with approximately 27,144 full and part-time employees. Most HISD personnel are assigned to schools and deliver services directly to students on a day-to-day basis. Its schools are dedicated to giving every student the best possible education through an intensive core curriculum and specialized, challenging instructional and career programs. The district is extremely diverse with the following ethnic student breakdown: 62% Hispanic, 21%Black/ African American, 10% White, 5% Asian and 80% economically disadvantaged.

The School

HSPVA evolved in 1971 from a realization that gifted young artists need highly specialized and rigorous training in the arts to be prepared for the intense competition they will meet in colleges, conservatories, and the professional arts world. The creation of HSPVA represented the first attempt by any public high school in the nation to correlate an academic program with concentrated training in the arts. Also, it was one of only three public schools in the nation to offer programs in both the visual and performing arts, and the first such institution in the southwest. For Houston ISD, the formation of HSPVA represented a dramatic departure from traditional comprehensive programs. In 2019, the school transitioned to our new building in downtown Houston and was renamed Kinder High School for the Performing and Visual Arts. Kinder HSPVA is fully accredited and offers the same academic curriculum and graduation requirements as all HISD high schools; the major difference in the academic program is that we offer the added ingredient of correlating the arts with academics, rather than treating either as isolated disciplines. The school schedule is an alternating A/B block schedule with classes meeting for 1.5 hours every other day with the exception of first period which meets every day for 45 minutes. Students spend three hours every day in rigorous focused study in one art discipline with the balance of the day's study in academics. ***All students must audition for placement at Kinder HSPVA and are accepted to a single art area of focus.***

Grading Scale		
Range	**Weighted**	**Level**
A=90-100	**5.0**	**4.0**
B=80-89	**4.0**	**3.0**
C=75-79	**3.0**	**2.0**
D=70-74	**2.0**	**1.0**
F=0-69	**0**	**0**
TRANSCRIPT SYMBOLS **Q-PreAP (weighted)** **H-HISD Advanced Honors (weighted)** **P-AP (weighted)** **J – Middle School (not incl. in GPA)**		

GPA and Rank

Kinder HSPVA only reports rank by student request. GPA is weighted on a 5.0 scale and is cumulative including all courses taken in 9th – 12th grade. All HSPVA pre-professional art area program courses are coded as level (4.0) on the transcript & students in each art discipline are required to complete 16 pre-professional art credits over four years. Per TEA & HISD policy, all HSPVA students are given the option to use elective course waivers for up to 2.0 credits of their art program courses. Courses using the waivers are given a "P" on the transcript which is not factored into the GPA.

Current Enrollment - 799
Seniors – 185
Highest GPA: 4.566
Lowest GPA: 1.5645
Median GPA: 3.9175

School Administration

Dr. Priscilla Rivas, Principal
Terrell Lockett, Asst. Principal
Oscar Perez, Asst. Principal
Naomi Leos, Teacher Specialist
Christy Farris, Counselor
Becky Johnson, Counselor
Laura Mathus, Registrar
Jonathan Klein, Magnet Coordinator

School Recognition

2025 Texas Education Accountability Ratings
Overall Rating A (99/100)

2025 Niche Best Schools
Overall Grade A+
#1 Best High Schools for the Arts in Texas
#5 Best Public High Schools in Houston Area

US News and World Report 2025 – 2026 Rankings
#4 in Houston, TX Metro Area High Schools
#21 in Texas High Schools
#160 in National Rankings

Young Arts 2025
21 winners representing the most accomplished young visual, literary, and performing artists from across the country

U.S. Presidential Scholars in the Arts
32 students recognized since 1981

Arts Schools Network
Exemplary School 2024 - 2029

Class of 2025 Achievements

(184 Graduates)

National Merit Scholar - 3
National Merit Finalists – 7
National Merit Semifinalists - 7
National Merit Commended Scholars – 12
AP Scholars - 97
AP Scholars with Honor - 37
AP Scholars with Distinction - 107

Class of 2025 Scholarships Offered

Over $33.2 Million

Honors (Pre-AP or HISD Advanced) and Advanced Placement Courses (2025 – 2026)

Kinder HSPVA offers two HISD Honors Advanced, six Pre-Advanced Placement (PreAP), and nineteen Advanced Placement (AP) courses. Enrollment is open to all students; however, required campus arts programming **only allows five academic courses to be taken annually**. In addition, scheduling conflicts often exist due to fine art area requirements which may prevent a student from taking a desired HADV, PreAP, or AP course. Students taking AP are required to take the exam in May & AP test fees are paid by Houston ISD.

HISD Honors Advanced Courses Offered
Spanish III

PreAP Courses Offered
English I, English 2, Geometry, Algebra 2, Chemistry, Biology

Advanced Placement Courses Offered
Biology, Calculus AB, Chemistry, English Language, English Literature, European History, Human Geography, Macroeconomics, Music Theory, Precalculus, Statistics, Psychology, Spanish Language, Spanish Literature, US Government, US History, World History

Campus Demographics 2024 - 2025

White 32.5%
Black/African American 18.7%
Asian 11%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander 0.1%
American Indian/Alaskan Native 0.3%
Hispanic or Latino 30.4%
Two or More Races 7%
Economically Disadvantaged 23.1%

Class of 2025 Post Graduation Plans
Class Size - 184

Acceptance Rate	183	99%
4 Year College	175	95%
2 Year College	8	4%
Pursuing Higher Education	183	99%
Gap Year	1	1%
Out of State	92	50%
Military	1	1%

Kinder HSPVA students are accepted to a wide array of competitive academic and artistic programs across the United States and abroad. Please contact the Kinder HSPVA Counseling Department for a comprehensive list of these institutions.

Advanced Placement Summary Score Report

	2025	2024	2023	2022
Total AP Students	535	495	390	387
Number of Exams	1349	1116	860	890
Exams with 3+	877	854	645	605
% of Total AP Students with 3+	88%	77%	75%	68%

Detailed 2025 Advanced Placement Results

Subject	5	4	3	2	1	ALL
Biology	18	15	6	2		41
Calculus AB	7	14	5	5		31
Chemistry	5	10	18	5		39
English Lang	30	54	44	16	3	147
English Lit	32	42	42	23	5	144
Euro History	15	13	1			29
Human Geo	44	30	12	5		91
Macro Eco	11	17	22	34	11	95
Music Theory	2	3	1			6
Physics 1	9	27	29	13	15	93
Physics C: E&M	3	5	3	1	2	14
Physics C: Mec	5	3	5	1	1	15
Precalculus	31	40	25	7	1	104
Psychology	10	28	11	12	1	62
Spanish Lang	10	7	9	4	1	31
Spanish Lit	2	7	4	3		16
Statistics	20	11	22	22	35	110
US Government	26	27	34	15	7	109
US History	40	29	7	2		78
World History	31	37	10	4		82
Total # Exams	333	404	304	172	79	1296

SAT Summary Mean	Class of 2025	Class of 2026
# of Seniors Taking Test	179	189
Critical Reading/ERW	601	612
Math	570	581
Total Mean	1171	1193

PSAT Average	Fall 2023	Fall 2024
# of 10 -11th Grade Testers	387	378
Critical Reading/ERW	560	570
Math	521	533
Total Average	1081	1103