

EMPOWERING ARTISTIC GROWTH EVERY STUDENT EVERY DAY

NEXT STEPS IN FINE ARTS



ENRICH YOUR LIFE

"The arts are an essential element of education, just like reading, writing, and arithmetic…music, dance, painting, and theater are all keys that unlock profound human understanding and accomplishment."

–William Bennett, Former US Secretary of Education

Fine Arts is the fuel that enriches the quality of life.

- The arts provide beauty and evoke emotion.
- Art education brings people together.
- Creating can reduce stress.
- Fine Arts students are taught to value mastery of content.

Check out Jay and Linda Grunin Foundation for more ways that the fine arts enrich our everyday life.



ENGAGE YOUR MIND

"Arts education aids students in skills needed in the workplace: flexibility, the ability to solve problems and communicate, the ability to learn new skills, to be creative and innovative, and to strive for excellence."

– Joseph M. Calahan, Director of Cooperate Communications, Xerox

Studies increasingly show a correlation between involvement in the arts and high achievement in school, standardized tests, and future careers.

Fine Arts Students:
…have stronger memory and reading skills.
…can process multiple things at once.
…have increased blood flow in their brains.
…have more resilient brains.
…have stronger executive brain function.

-Entrepeneur John Rampton, paraphrased

In Denton ISD, Fine Arts students score more than 50 points higher on SAT scores and master the STAAR English test at more than double the rate of Denton ISD non Fine Arts Students.



EXPAND YOUR HORIZONS

"A well-rounded arts education expands a student's worldview, broadening their horizons by developing both empathy and work-ethic while creating connection with their community, and providing opportunity to work on a team to accomplish creative goals."

– Dr. Jackie deMontmollin, Director of Fine Arts, Denton ISD

Denton ISD's Fine Arts programs take students around the world and give them a wide variety of cultural and artistic experiences.

- Fine Arts groups travel to national and international destinations, including trips to Los Angeles, New York City, and Austria, for performance and learning opportunities.

- In addition to traditional arts education, many Denton ISD students have the opportunity to learn a wide variety of artistic styles, from Jazz Band, Mariachi, and vocal jazz to studio art, sculpture, musical theater, theatrical design, tap dance and dance choreography.

Develop Your Pathway

FINE ARTS

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Visit our High School Course planning section in the Denton ISD Fine Arts Website, by using our QR Code:



EXTEND YOUR LEARNING

Pathway to a Well Rounded Education

"Schools need to promote creative, inventive thinking by integrating the arts with other subjects. It's not about art or science; it's about melding the two and promoting both of them together."

– US Sen. Florence Shapiro

The State of Texas requires every student to take a fine arts course. We encourage you to invest in your future by becoming a four-year fine arts student. Hone your artistic and leadership skills through remaining involved while taking advantage of the many other opportunities on campus.

Our four-year fine arts students are also involved in:

- **Athletics**
- **CTE (ATC)**
- **Multiple Fine Arts Classes**
- **Clubs**
- **Student Council**
- **And So Much More!**

Endorsements:

- All students in Denton ISD graduate with a multidisciplinary endorsement.
- Being in the same Fine Art for four years earns you an additional endorsement, Arts & Humanities.
- Four years of fine arts is compatible with each of the other three endorsements (STEM, Business and Industry, and Public Service).

There are many ways to be a four-year fine arts student. Here are a few possible pathways for ***Fine Arts and...***

CAREER & TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION

(includes Business and Industry Endorsement)

FRESHMAN	ENGLISH	SOC. STUDIES	SCIENCE	MATH	LANGUAGE	PE	HS101	COMM	FINE ARTS
SOPHOMORE	ENGLISH	SOC. STUDIES	SCIENCE	MATH	LANGUAGE	PRE-REQ	FINE ARTS		ELECTIVE
JUNIOR	ENGLISH	SOC. STUDIES	SCIENCE	MATH	ATC		FINE ARTS		ELECTIVE
SENIOR	ENGLISH	SOC. STUDIES	SCIENCE	MATH	ATC		FINE ARTS		ELECTIVE

S.T.E.M. ENDORSEMENT

Also compatible with Electronics & Engineering Pathway)

FRESHMAN	ENGLISH	SOC. STUDIES	LANGUAGE	PE	HS101	COMM	MATH	SCIENCE	FINE ARTS
SOPHOMORE	ENGLISH	SOC. STUDIES	LANGUAGE	MATH	SCIENCE		FINE ARTS	ELECTIVE	ELECTIVE
JUNIOR	ENGLISH	SOC. STUDIES	MATH	MATH	SCIENCE		FINE ARTS	ELECTIVE	ELECTIVE
SENIOR	ENGLISH	SOC. STUDIES	MATH	SCIENCE	SCIENCE		FINE ARTS	ELECTIVE	ELECTIVE

ATHLETICS

FRESHMAN	ENGLISH	SOC. STUDIES	SCIENCE	MATH	LANGUAGE	HS 101	COMM	ATHLETICS	FINE ARTS
SOPHOMORE	ENGLISH	SOC. STUDIES	SCIENCE	MATH	LANGUAGE	ATHLETICS		FINE ARTS	ELECTIVE
JUNIOR	ENGLISH	SOC. STUDIES	SCIENCE	MATH	ATHLETICS	FINE ARTS		ELECTIVE	ELECTIVE
SENIOR	ENGLISH	SOC. STUDIES	SCIENCE	MATH	ATHLETICS	FINE ARTS		ELECTIVE	ELECTIVE

EXTRA FRESHMAN ELECTIVE

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JUNIOR	ENGLISH	SOC. STUDIES	SCIENCE	MATH	FINE ARTS	ELECTIVE		ELECTIVE	ELECTIVE
SENIOR	ENGLISH	SOC. STUDIES	SCIENCE	MATH	FINE ARTS	ELECTIVE		ELECTIVE	ELECTIVE

"We need people who think with the creative side of their brains—people who have played in a band, who have painted…it enhances symbiotic thinking capabilities, not always thinking in the same paradigm, learning how to kick-start a new idea, or how to get a job done better, less expensively." – Annette Byrd,