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Hilltop School for the Arts Prepares to Open Its Doors for its Inaugural School Year

(AVONDALE, Ariz. — August 1, 2026) — The Agua Fria High School District is proud to announce that The Hilltop School for the Arts will open its doors on August 3, 2026. As the District's seventh high school, Hilltop will provide students in grades 9-12 with unique opportunities to combine rigorous academics with immersive arts education, helping them develop their talents, explore career pathways and prepare for future success.

Guided by its vision of "Artistry to Industry," The Hilltop School for the Arts will offer a dynamic learning environment where creativity, innovation and artistic expression are integrated with academic excellence. Through specialized academy programs, students will gain hands-on experiences, build professional skills and connect their passions to college, career, and work-based learning opportunities.

The Hilltop School for the Arts offers eight academic programs:

- Cinematography & Film
- Dance Performance
- Instrumental Performance
- Music Production & Recording
- Set Design and Theatre Production
- Theatre – Acting
- Visual Arts
- Vocal Performance

Designed to foster creativity, collaboration and personal growth, Hilltop will provide students with opportunities to learn from educators, mentors and industry professionals while building confidence and preparing for success beyond high school.

Principal Julie Jones says, "This is more than the opening of a school, it is the beginning of an arts community where creativity and innovation thrives. Where students are immersed in an educational environment where they can refine their artistic craft, embrace their creative potential, and build the professional skills needed to turn their passion into a fulfilling career and a future of endless opportunity."

Families interested in learning more about The Hilltop School for the Arts, scheduling a tour or beginning the enrollment process are encouraged to visit www.hilltop.aguafria.org.

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Agua Fria High School District was established in 1955. Today, the district serves the communities of Avondale, Buckeye, Goodyear, and Litchfield Park, with six high schools: Agua Fria, Canyon View, Desert Edge, Goodyear, Millennium, Verrado, and Agua Fria Online. Additionally, the District offers two alternative programs: Coldwater Academy and New Directions. More information can be found at www.aguafria.org