



TRI-CITIES HIGH SCHOOL

VISUAL & PERFORMING ARTS

MAGNET PROGRAM



A LEGACY OF EXCELLENCE

The Visual & Performing Arts Magnet Program at Tri-Cities High School was established in 1990, creating an intensive arts education experience that combined a comprehensive academic program with specialized training in the visual and performing arts. Under the early leadership of Viola Turner, the program grew from a small group of pioneering students into one of the Southeast's recognized high school arts programs.

For more than three decades, the halls of Tri-Cities have helped develop artists who have gone on to make an impact across music, Broadway, television, film, theatre, composition and the visual arts.

Among the artists and entertainers who attended Tri-Cities are: Outkast, Xscape, Kenan Thompson, Joaquina Kalukango, Carlos Simon, Saycon Sengbloh, Jagged Edge, Danity Kane, etc. That history is not simply something our students celebrate—it establishes the standard they are challenged to continue.

Today, Tri-Cities VPA students continue the tradition through advanced artistic training, concerts, theatrical productions, dance performances, exhibitions, competitions, master classes, professional partnerships and interdisciplinary experiences.

In 2025-26,

91

Tri-Cities seniors
earned the Georgia
Fine Arts Diploma Seal



More than 35 years of
developing artist



The names may change.
The art may evolve. The
standard remains.



THE TRI-CITIES VPA EXPERIENCE

Tri-Cities High School's Visual & Performing Arts Magnet Program provides students with rigorous artistic training while preparing them for college, conservatory, career, and professional opportunities.

Students receive specialized instruction from experienced educators while developing their artistic voice, technical skill, confidence, discipline, and professionalism.

Our VPA Magnet Pathways Include:



Students are encouraged to explore multiple artistic disciplines while developing mastery within their primary pathway.

WHY TRI-CITIES VPA?

- Perform in concerts, showcases, theatrical productions, competitions, exhibitions, and community events.
- Work alongside professional artists, clinicians, educators, and industry guests.
- Participate in festivals, conferences, adjudications, workshops, master classes, and field experiences.
- Develop professional portfolios, audition materials, performance reels, and artistic résumés.
- Build leadership, collaboration, communication, creativity, discipline, and artistic independence.
- Prepare for college auditions, scholarships, conservatories, university arts programs, and careers in the creative industries.

TWO PATHS TO VPA MAGNET COMPLETION

Traditional VPA Magnet Completion

- 3 credits in one Fine Arts pathway
- 5 additional credits in any VPA discipline
- Senior Capstone Project
- Participation in at least 2 VPA extracurricular experiences
- 20 hours of arts-related community service

Specialized VPA Magnet Completion

- 8 credits within one Fine Arts pathway
- Senior Capstone Project
- Participation in at least 2 VPA extracurricular experiences
- 20 hours of arts-related community service

MAGNET COMPLETION RECOGNITIONS

Eligible VPA Magnet completers may earn:

- Magnet Medallion
- Magnet Seal
- Fine Arts Diploma Seal
- Fine Arts Cord
- Magnet Stole for Specialized VPA completer

THE VPA STUDENT JOURNEY — A.R.T.S.

A.R.T.S. = AWAKEN. REFINE. TRANSFORM. SHOWCASE

The Tri-Cities VPA Journey: Awaken Your potential. Refine your craft. Transform your artistry. Showcase your excellence



1. 9th Grade
A: Awaken

Students awaken their artistic potential by building foundational skills, professionalism, confidence, and an understanding of what it means to be a Tri-Cities Magnet artist.



2. 10th Grade
R: Refine

Students refine their craft through deeper technical training, expanded performance and exhibition opportunities, and the development of individual artistic goals.



3. 11th Grade
T: Transform

Students transform from developing artists into emerging professionals, strengthening their artistic identity, leadership, portfolio, and readiness for advanced opportunities.



4. 12th Grade
S: Showcase

Students showcase their artistry and mastery through advanced coursework, performances, exhibitions, portfolios, auditions, leadership opportunities, and the Senior Capstone experience.



ARTS PARTNERSHIPS



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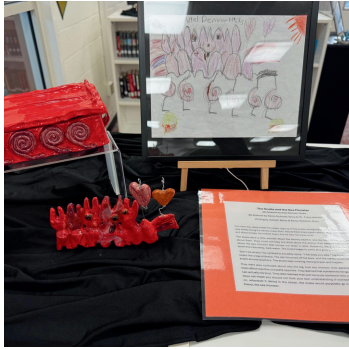
VISUAL & PERFORMING ARTS HIGHLIGHTS



VISUAL ARTS

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- "Cylindriscapes" was published in Collage Magazine for art educators.
- "Collaborative Creatures" is in its 4th library showing, including several Fulton County branches, with an upcoming collaboration involving West Lake High School.
- Partnered with Emory University's Physics Oncology Department for a project with Sculpture students, ending in a gallery showing this March in midtown.
- Students won awards and exhibited at the Southwest Arts Center, High Museum of Art, Capitol Art Exhibit, and All State Symposium.
- Moret's classes held 23 in-house art exhibitions during the 25-26 academic year.



BAND

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Wind Ensemble

- Superior ratings in performance and sight-reading at the Georgia Music Educators Association Large Group Performance Evaluation
- 2016 Wind Ensemble selected to perform at the Kennesaw State University Concert Band Invitational

Marching Band

- National High Stepping Regional Competition 2017 2nd Place Winner
- National High Stepping Competition 2015 3rd Place Winner (Nationals)
- 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2014 Children's Healthcare of Atlanta Christmas Parade (televised WSB-TV)
- 2010 Featured Band in the Movie Band Room, "Cadence For Conscience"
- 2011 Performance for AirTran Airlines unveiling of the new "Dolphin One" 737 aircraft
- 2011 Performance for AirTran Airlines merger with Southwest Airlines
- 2014 Performance for Southwest Airlines Commercial
- 2027 Selected to perform in the National Cherry Blossom Parade (Washington, D.C)

Jazz Band

- Atlanta Youth Jazz Band Competition Performer
- Featured ensemble for the Porsche North American Black History Program

Pit Orchestra

- 2014 & 2026 Shuler Hensley Award Winner Best Orchestra in the State of Georgia

TCHS Band Student Individual Accomplishments

- GMEA All-State Band Participants
- Students selected to perform with the Atlanta Drumline, Atlanta Hawks Drumline, C.R.E.A.M. Drumline, Atlanta Dream, and the Atlanta Braves Drumline
- Students attending Eastman School of Music, Juilliard School of Music, Curtis Institute of Music



DANCE

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- 4 competitions all 1st place
- State Championship GHSA
- London Mitchell was a GHP Finalist and attended
- Tristan Stokes and London Mitchell attended TBAD Summer Dance Intensive
- 2 students went to school for dance at Alabama State University
- Angel Green and London Mitchell were High School All-Stars at the HBCUADD Conference
- Best Choreography Nomination for The Color Purple
- 2 dance students in the Top 10 of the graduating class: Zaniya Middlebrooks(#10) Nadia Chris-Okere (#4)



CHORUS

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- Governor's Awards
- GMEA Solo and Ensemble Awards
- ACT-SO State Winners
- All State Chorus Recipients
- GMEA Large Group Performance Ensemble Superior ratings in Performance & Sightreading
- Grammy Young Arts Foundation Awards



THEATRE

THEATRE - STUDENT SPOTLIGHTS

- 2024 - 2025 One Act Regional Champions
- 2025 State Championship One Act 2nd Runner-Ups



DESTINY BROWN

- 2025 Regional winner for BEST ACTRESS at the GHSA One-Act competition
- 2025 State winner for BEST ACTRESS at the GHSA One-Act competition
- 2026 Outstanding Performance by an Individual at the Junior Theatre Festival (Rafiki in The Lion King)
- 2026 Regional winner for FEMALE VOCAL SOLO at the GHSA Literary competition
- 2026 State Championship winner for FEMALE VOCAL SOLO at the GHSA Literary competition
- 2026 Advanced Musical Theatre Camp scholarship
- 2026 (Georgia High School Musical Theatre) Shuler Hensley's Best Leading Actress award winner

JOSHUA WILLIAMS-REID

- 2024 State One Act All-Star Cast Award Recipient
- 2025 & 2026 Norwalk Conservatory summer intensive scholarship award

ELIJAH GHANT

- 2023 & 2025 regional one act Best Actor
- 2024 Regional One Act All-Star Cast Award Recipient
- 2024 State One Act Best Actor
- 2025 Next Narrative Regional Runner-Up
- 2026 Next Narrative Regional Champion & National participant
- Norwalk Conservatory summer intensive scholarship award
- SCAD scholarship recipient

CHRISTIAN WADE

- 2025 & 2026 Norwalk Conservatory summer intensive scholarship award
- 2026 Howard University Scholarship Award
- 2026 United Negro College Fund Award Winner
- 2024 Regional All-Star Cast Award Recipient

ZANIYA WILSON

- 2024 One Act Best Actress Award Recipient
- 2025 Class Valedictorian
- 2025 Viola Turner Scholarship Award Recipient
- 2025 Howard University Scholarship Award Recipient

KEIONYA EDWARDS

- 2025 Regional One Act All-Star Cast Award Recipient
- 2025 & 2026 Norwalk Conservatory summer intensive scholarship award

KJ LEWIS

- 2025 Viola Turner Scholarship
- 2024 State One Act All-Star Cast Award Recipient

