



ALEXANDER W. DREYFOOS SCHOOL OF THE ARTS

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SCHOOL PROFILE 2026-2027



AT A GLANCE

The A. W. Dreyfoos School of the Arts is an all-arts public magnet high school serving a culturally diverse student body.

Enrollment: 1,359

Minority Enrollment: 55%

Economically Disadvantaged: 20%

Admission: By audition criteria

Art areas: Communications · Dance · Digital Arts
& Photography · Music · Theatre · Visual Arts

U.S. News & World Report Best High Schools® 2026-2027



Top 1% Nationally



#125 Nationally



#15 in Florida



#10 in the Miami-Fort Lauderdale Metro Area



#2 in the School District of Palm Beach County

ADMINISTRATION

Blake Bennett, Principal

Alyssa Arterburn · William Clark · Drew Dawson ·
Teneisha Finney · Ronald Lewis, Assistant Principals



SCHOOL COUNSELING

Olga K. Middleton, Director

Rachelle Francois-Nicholas · Shae Hammack ·
Kathryn Murphy, School Counselors



BLAKE BENNETT

Principal

MISSION

The Alexander W. Dreyfoos School of the Arts is committed to providing a world-class arts and academic education with excellence and equity to empower each student to reach their highest potential. We are committed to allow our students to find their own identity while remaining part of a diverse community. We are also committed to attracting and retaining a highly qualified and professional staff who work each day to foster the knowledge, innovation, creativity, and ethical behavior within our students that will be required for responsible citizenship and a productive career.

VISION

The Alexander W. Dreyfoos School of the Arts envisions the development of a dynamic, diverse, collaborative, and multicultural community of citizens where lifelong learning in the arts and the academics are valued and supported. Our students will contribute to and enrich their communities, using their strong foundations in the arts and the academics in order to succeed as global citizens and to meet the challenges and complexities of the 21st century.

LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL

The A. W. Dreyfoos School of the Arts is one of the most unique schools in the United States and caters to an equally unique kind of student. Each year, this public magnet school of the arts brings together a class of amazingly diverse, highly motivated, and driven students, selected from the 180,000 public high school students across Palm Beach County based on audition criteria. Dreyfoos students bring their talent, passion, joy, and individuality with them daily, creating one of the most diverse and joyous environments you will find on an American public high school campus. Students focus their artistic studies in one of six art areas, including dance, theatre, communications, music, visual arts, and digital arts and photography. The Dreyfoos curriculum is a fusion of high-level academics and arts. On campus, students pursue their art studies while taking rigorous Advanced Placement, AICE, and dual-enrollment college-level courses. In addition, they perform on stages, attend countless tournaments and competitions, create visual arts and digital media exhibits, write, debate, draw, paint, and participate in many of the 125 clubs and activities across campus. Students also give back to the community by volunteering thousands of hours annually. The A.W. Dreyfoos School of the Arts performs in the top 1% of all high schools and is ranked #125 nationally out of over 20,000 high schools across the United States.

Students are supported by the passion of an outstanding team of artistic and academic educators and the amazing “A” rated Palm Beach County School District. Additionally, a private group, the School of the Arts Foundation, formed thirty years ago to ensure that no student attends Dreyfoos without ballet shoes, instruments, art materials, lessons, or other essentials needed to receive a world-class arts education. The foundation provides important funding for the Artists-in-Residence program, consultants, and guest artists, which bring working professionals to the school to work one-on-one with students. In addition, the School of the Arts Foundation provides hundreds of thousands of dollars for scholarships and summer institutes and is integral in setting up wonderful partnerships with individual and business entities.

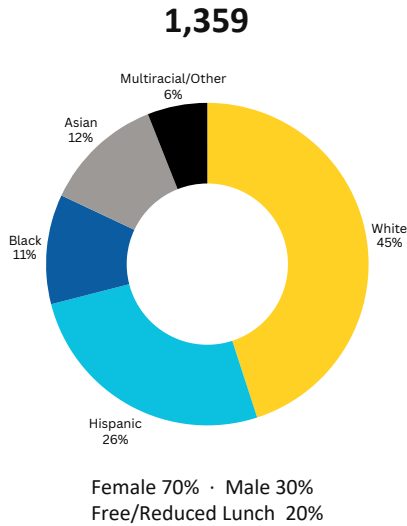
The culture on the Dreyfoos campus is full of tradition, one that fosters mutual respect among the students, faculty, and staff. The supportive collaboration between students, educators, parents, and the community is like no other and is referred to as Dreyfoos Magic on campus. Student-led initiatives, activities, and performances occur daily and are supported by a dedicated staff of phenomenal educators. Dreyfoos is a place of passionate learning, exploring, performing, and creating.

Sincerely,
Blake Bennett
Principal



SCHOOL AND ACADEMIC PROFILE

STUDENT ENROLLMENT



U.S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT RANKINGS

Top 1% Nationally

SCORECARD		99.3
Took at Least One AP® Exam		95%
Passed at Least One AP® Exam		84%
Mathematics Proficiency		84%
Reading Proficiency		95%
Science Proficiency		94%
Graduation Rate		100%

CURRICULUM REQUIREMENTS & GPA CALCULATION

Dreyfoos students follow a rigorous academic and artistic program. Artistically, students are expected to achieve at a high level. Juries, portfolio reviews, and other artistic evaluations are conducted each semester by faculty and artists-in-residence.

All classes are used in computing the weighted grade point average (HPA). Class rank is determined by quality points assigned to courses according to their degree of academic rigor.

All students are required to take a minimum of two art courses each school year within their art major. By contract, students must maintain a cumulative grade point average of 2.0 or higher and a semester honors grade point average of 3.0 or higher in all art area courses.

Class rank may not accurately reflect students’ academic aptitude, as disparities in the availability of accelerated courses across art disciplines is a contributing factor. Please refer to the curriculum offerings for a comprehensive understanding of this distinction.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Subject	Credits
English	4
Mathematics (must include Algebra 1 and Geometry)	4
Science (must include Biology and Physical Science)	3
Social Studies (must include World History, U.S. History, U.S. Government, and Economics)	3
Personal Financial Literacy	.5
Fine and Performing Arts/Speech and Debate/Career and Technical Education/or Practical Art	1
Physical Education	1
Electives	7.5

QUALITY POINTS

Grade	Regular	Honors	AP/AICE/DE
A	4.0	4.5	6.0
B	3.0	3.375	4.5
C	2.0	2.25	3.0
D	1.0	1.125	1.5
F	0	0	0

GRADING SCALE *

Grade	Range
A	89.50-100
B	79.50-89.49
C	69.50-79.49
D	59.50-69.49
F	59.49 and below

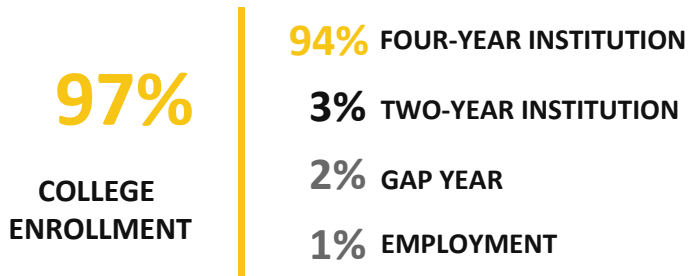
*Applies to the Class of 2029 and earlier. Beginning with the Class of 2030, a revised course-weighting scale applies.



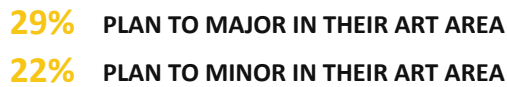
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POSTSECONDARY OUTCOMES · CLASS OF 2026



ARTS CONTINUATION



STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT & FINANCIAL AID

7

National Merit
Semifinalists

20

National Merit
Commended Students

70%

Class of 2026
Florida Bright Futures
Scholarship
Recipients

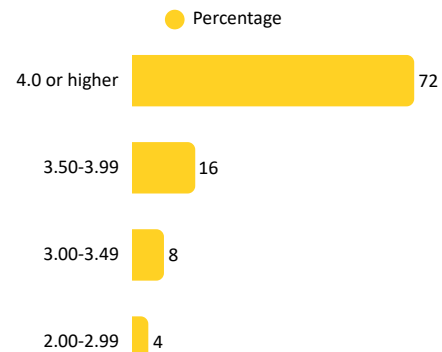
77%

Class of 2026
FAFSA
Completion Rates

STANDARDIZED TEST RESULTS

TEST	SCHOOL MEAN	STATE MEAN	NATIONAL MEAN
PSAT/NMSQT Mean Score (all grades)	1098	872	948
SAT Mean Score	1232	948	1028
ACT Mean Score	25.7	19	19.4

CLASS OF 2027 ACADEMIC PROFILE



VARSITY SPORTS AND CLUBS/ORGANIZATIONS

15 VARSITY SPORTS
20 HONOR SOCIETIES
105 CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS





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ADVANCED PLACEMENT RESULTS 2026

1,159 AP STUDENTS • 3,218 AP EXAMS
1,031 STUDENTS (89%) EARNED AT LEAST ONE OF SCORE 3+

Subject	Global Pass Rate	School Pass Rate	Students Enrolled
AP Art 2D	84.20%	97.80%	91
AP Art 3D	74.30%	75.00%	24
AP Art History	67.20%	84.80%	112
AP Biology	71.20%	88.00%	56
AP Calculus AB	65.80%	75.30%	178
AP Calculus BC	81.40%	77.90%	77
AP Chemistry	76.90%	86.20%	29
AP Comp Sci Pri	62.70%	71.90%	32
AP Drawing	82.60%	97.10%	68
AP English Language	74.50%	93.90%	280
AP English Literature	72.90%	94.60%	277
AP Environmental Science	70.60%	79.60%	152
AP European History	72.90%	93.80%	16
AP French	72.20%	60.00%	10
AP Human Geography	67.00%	76.40%	276
AP Macroeconomics	68.60%	58.00%	88
AP Music Theory	59.10%	97.00%	30
AP Physics 1	69.50%	87.40%	87
AP Physics 2	74.70%	89.70%	29
AP Psychology	74.40%	78.90%	133
AP Precalculus	82.40%	93.90%	277
AP Spanish Language	82.60%	84.60%	26
AP Spanish Literature	71.20%	92.00%	13
AP Statistics	63.30%	84.60%	39
AP US Government	75.70%	81.00%	116
AP US History	73.50%	91.70%	265
AP World Hist Mod	65.90%	83.50%	230

AICE RESULTS 2026

720 EXAMS
86% PASS RATE

Subject	US Pass Rate	School Pass Rate	Exams
Drama	78%	100%	19
English General Paper	67%	93%	310
English Language	53%	84%	305
Global Perspectives & Research	75%	93%	15
Marine Science	47%	42%	55
Media Studies	67%	100%	16



CURRICULUM OFFERINGS

88	70	28	6	7
Regular	Honors	AP	AICE	On-campus DE

ENGLISH

English 2*
English 3*
English 4*
AICE General Paper 1 (Eng I)
AICE Language AS
AP English Language
AP English Literature
Intensive Reading

MATHEMATICS

Algebra 1*
Algebra 2**
Geometry*
Math Data & Financial Literacy*
Probability & Statistics*
AP Statistics
AP Precalculus
AP Calculus AB
AP Calculus BC
MAC 2313 Calculus III
MAP 2302 Differential Equations

SCIENCE

Biology 1**
AP Biology
Chemistry 1**
AP Chemistry
Physical Science
Physics 1*
AP Physics 1
AP Physics 2
AP Environmental Science
AICE Marine Science
Anatomy & Physiology**
Marine Science

SOCIAL STUDIES

Personal & Financial Literacy*
World Cultural Geography
AP Human Geography
U.S. History*
AP U.S. History
U.S. Government*
AP U.S. Government
World History*
AP World History
AP European History
Economics*
AP Macroeconomics
AP Psychology

COMMUNICATIONS

AICE Global Perspectives
AICE Media Studies
Speech 1
Journalism 5- 8*
Foundations of Journalism
Fundamentals of Journalism
Creative Writing 1-3-4*
Debate 3-6*
Digital Video Production 1-3*
Digital Design 1*
Humane Letters 4*
TV Production Technology 3-5*

DANCE

Ballet 1-3
Ballet 4*
Dance Choreography 2*
Dance Repertory 1-2
Dance Repertory 3-4*
Dance Techniques 1-2
Dance Techniques 3-4*
DAA 1202C Intermediate Ballet I
DAA 1203C Intermediate Ballet II

DIGITAL ARTS & PHOTOGRAPHY/VISUAL ARTS

AP Art History
AP 2-D Art & Design
AP 3-D Art & Design
AP Studio Drawing/Painting
2-D Art 1
Portfolio 2*
Painting 3*
Drawing 2
CML Photo Tech 1-2
Creative Photo 1-2
Creative Phot 2-3*
Digital Design 2-3*
Printmaking 1
Fine Craft & Studio Art 2
Sculpture 2-3*

MUSIC

AP Music Theory
Music Theory 1-2*
Band 3-6*
Instrumental Ensemble 1-4*
Instrumental Technology 1-4*
Keyboard 1-4*
Jazz Ensemble 1-4*
Orchestra 3-6*
Chorus 5-6*
Vocal Ensemble 2-4*
Vocal Technology 1-4*
MUT 1001 Music Theory
MUT 1111 Fundamentals of Music

THEATRE

Introduction to Drama
Theatre History 2*
AICE Drama AS
Acting 3-4*
Dance Tech 1-2
Dance Choreography 2*
Dance Repertory 4*
Music Theatre 1-3
Pre-AICE Drama IG*
Stagecraft 3-4*
Theatre 2 Costume 1
Theatre 3 Costume 2-3*
Theatrical Direction 2*
Technical THE D/P Scen Pr
THE 1000 Theatre Appreciation

WORLD LANGUAGES

French 1
French 2
French 3*
French 4*
Spanish 1
Spanish 2
Spanish 3*
Spanish 4*
AP French Language & Culture
AP Spanish Language & Culture
AP Spanish Literature & Culture

OTHER ELECTIVES & PE

AP Capstone Seminar***
AP Cybersecurity***
Approach Lead Honors*
Community Service
Executive Internship
Learning Strategies*
Leadership Techniques*
Personal Fitness
Team Sports 1
Weight Training 1-2
Unique Skills

* Honors level

** Regular and Honors levels

***New offering 2026-2027

Additional courses are available through virtual options (Palm Beach Virtual School and Florida Virtual School) and off campus dual enrollment



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COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES

CLASSES OF 2025 AND 2026

American University American University of Paris Amherst College Appalachian State University ArtCenter College of Design Auburn University Bard College Barnard College of Columbia University Belmont University Bennington College Berklee College of Music Boston College Boston Conservatory at Berklee Boston University Bowdoin College Brandeis University Brigham Young University Brown University Butler University Cardiff University Carnegie Mellon University Case Western Reserve University Chapman University Claremont McKenna College Clark University Clemson University Cleveland Institute of Art Colgate University College of William and Mary Colorado State University Columbia College Chicago Columbia University Cornell University Dartmouth College Davidson College Dean College Denison University DePaul University Dominican University of California Drexel University Duke University East Tennessee State University Elon University Emerson College Emory University Fashion Institute of Technology Fisher College Flagler College Florida A&M University Florida Atlantic University Florida Gulf Coast University Florida Institute of Technology Florida International University Florida Southern College Florida State University Fordham University Fort Valley State University Franklin University Switzerland	Frost School of Music - University of Miami Full Sail University George Mason University Georgetown University Georgia Institute of Technology Georgia Southern University Georgia State University Hamilton College Harvard University Haverford College Highlands College Howard University Indian River State College Indiana University-Bloomington Ithaca College Jacksonville University James Cook University of Australia Kansas City Art Institute Kettering University Lehigh University Lenoir-Rhyne University Louisiana State University Loyola Marymount University Lynn University Manhattan School of Music Marist College Maryland Institute College of Art Marymount Manhattan College Massachusetts Institute of Technology McLennan Community College Metropolitan State University of Denver Michigan State University Middlebury College Milwaukee Institute of Art & Design Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College Missouri State University Monmouth College Montclair State University Mount Holyoke College Muhlenberg College Nazareth University New World College Miami New York Institute of Technology New York University North Carolina A & T State University Northeastern University Northwestern University Nova Southeastern University Oberlin College / Conservatory Otis College of Art and Design Otterbein University Pace University Pacific Northwest College of Art Palm Beach Atlantic University Palm Beach State College Peabody Institute of Johns Hopkins Pennsylvania State University Pepperdine University - Seaver College	Point Park University Portland State University Pratt Institute Pratt Munson Princeton University Providence College Purdue University Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute Rhode Island School of Design Rice University Rider University Ringling College of Art and Design Rochester Institute of Technology Rollins College Royal Veterinary College Rutgers University Saint Mary's College at Notre Dame Santa Clara University Santa Fe College Sarah Lawrence College Savannah College of Art & Design School of the Art Institute of Chicago Scripps College Shenandoah Conservatory Simmons University Smith College South Carolina State University Southeastern Louisiana University Southern Connecticut State University Southern Methodist University Stanford University Stetson University Stevens Institute of Technology Strayer University-Florida SUNY Purchase Conservatory of Dance SUNY University at Stony Brook SUNY at Albany Syracuse University Tallahassee Community College Tallahassee State College Temple University Tennessee State University Texas Christian University The Cooper Union The George Washington University The Juilliard School The New School The University of Alabama The University of British Columbia The University of Iowa The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill The University of Tennessee-Knoxville The University of Texas at Austin The University of the Arts Trinity College Tufts University UNCSA United States Naval Academy	University of Arizona University of Calgary University of California: Irvine University of California: San Diego University of Central Florida University of Cincinnati—CCM University of Colorado Boulder University of Connecticut University of Delaware University of Florida University of Georgia University of Hartford University of Illinois at Chicago University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign University of Miami University of Michigan-Ann Arbor University of Mississippi University of North Carolina at Greensboro University of North Dakota University of North Florida University of North Georgia University of Oklahoma University of Oregon University of Pittsburgh University of Rochester University of San Francisco University of South Florida University of South Florida - St. Pete University of Southern California University of St. Andrews University of Tampa University of Tennessee University of Tulsa University of Utah University of Vermont University of Virginia University of Washington University of West Florida University of Wisconsin-Madison Valencia College Vanderbilt University Villanova University Virginia Tech Wake Forest University Warren Wilson College Washington & Jefferson College Washington and Lee University Washington College Washington University in St. Louis Webster University Wellesley College Western New England University Whittier College Wilkes Honors College of FAU Willamette University Wright State University Yale University
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