ACA Performing Arts Scholars Program

What is the Performing Arts Scholars Program?

The Performing Arts Scholars Program is for students in grades 9 through 12 who are interested in pursuing deeper growth in theater, voice, piano or strings.

What are the objectives of the program?

The Performing Arts Scholars Program exists to provide students the following opportunities:

- Develop existing skills and learn new skills outside the ACA curriculum.
- Enhance self-directed learning experiences through community service.
- Encourage experimentation through unique performance and composition venues.
- Emphasize the connection between music and the school's core virtues.

What will students achieve through the program?

The Performing Arts Scholars Program consists of 2 hours of performance elective courses, 5 points from after-school applied performance classes, 20 hours of community service and performances, and one senior capstone performance. Upon completion of the program, students are acknowledged with an Atlanta Classical Performing Arts Scholars seal on their diplomas.

Examples of ACA Music Elective Courses include 10th grade Fine Arts Connections, and piano, strings and choir/vocal electives.

Applied Music Classes

To complete this section of the program, students must complete a minimum of four, 60-minute applied music classes twice weekly. The classes are offered in 10-week sessions: Fall, Winter, and Spring. Examples include:

1. Collaborative Keyboard (Vocal)
2. Collaborative Keyboard (Instrumental)
3. Jazz Keyboard
4. Composition
5. Piano Foundations
6. Chamber Performance
7. Select Choir
8. Stage Production

What are the qualifications for students to participate?

Performing arts students may apply for the program as rising ninth graders. The application process includes a written proposal describing their performing arts involvement inside and outside the classroom and a performance audition in their area of study.