



Northwest School of the Arts

Pursuit of Excellence in Academics, Arts, and Humanities.



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Majors At NWSA

- Band
 - Orchestra
 - Piano
 - Chorus
 - Dance
 - Musical Theatre
 - Theatre
 - Technical Theatre
 - Costume Design
 - Visual Arts
- AND
FILM
DIGITAL MEDIA



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Pre-professional Arts Education

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- Audition Required
- Artist-Teachers
- Wide Range of Arts Classes
- Visiting Artists/Master Classes/Field Trips
- State of the Art Performance and Gallery Space
- May double major



NWSA QUICK FACTS

- Grades: 9-12
- Bell Schedule 7:15-2:15
- No before or after school care
- Transportation provided via Express bus stop
- Tutoring available
- No Sports BUT many play that their home school.
- No Uniforms
- No Tuition
- Same curriculum as CMS



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OUR SCHOOL



- **Northwest School of the Arts is the only public arts magnet school that provides specialized arts instruction for students in grades 9-12 in the Charlotte-Mecklenburg School District.**
- Northwest is highly ranked among CMS schools for academic success and is known both nationwide and internationally for the quality of its arts programs.

OUR SCHOOL



- NWSA combines a **strong academic foundation with concentrated study of the visual or performing arts.**
- NWSA was recently ranked as the #3 High School in Charlotte in US News and World Report, and is consistently receives attention for academic excellence. We are proud of our 100% graduation rate, which is among CMS's highest.

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Pre-professional Arts Education

- Students major in a specific arts area and may double major.
- Students are able to advance their skills by interacting with like-minded peers who share their passion for the arts.
- Our arts teachers are artists themselves, and most of them are active within the arts community. Their connections have given rise to many community partnerships, and enable NWSA to bring in local and national visiting artists for master classes and performances.

OUR STUDENTS



Our Students

- NWSA is a diverse community of dedicated student artists from all over Mecklenburg County. In addition to engagement in core studies and the arts, students enjoy connecting with talented peers in a dynamic, pro-caring learning environment.

Pro-Caring Environment

- Our school culture embraces diversity, and is accepting of all students. We regularly celebrate and embrace our diversity through Pro-Caring Days, designed to recognize diversity in the Arts, as well as among our students, that leads to an environment of caring and acceptance that is felt throughout the school.

Academics

- **Students are still required to achieve the same promotion and graduation requirements at NWSA**
 - High School: Graduation Requirements are 24 credits
 - Our students follow the NCDPI Curriculum and we teach everything from English, Mathematics, Social Studies and Science to Spanish, Theater, Art and Music and Health/PE.

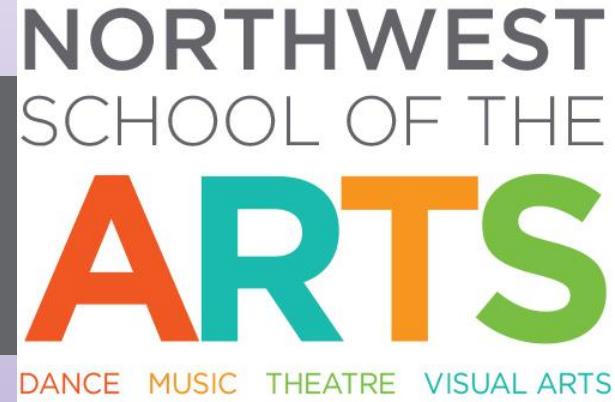
Academics

- Standard, Honors classes offered in High School Math, English, Science and Social Studies
- NWSA offers 14 AP level classes
 - AP Music Theory, AP English III, AP English IV, AP Calculus AB, AP Calculus BC, AP Statistics, AP US Government, AP US History, AP World History, AP Psychology, AP Spanish V, AP Art History, AP Environmental, and AP Biology
- We also allow students to take AP and some foreign language courses not offered at our school through NCVPS
- **And more than half of our junior and senior class takes courses at CPCC!**

Sample High School Schedule

	A day	B day
Block 1	Math (standard, honors, Advanced Placement)	English (standard, honors, Advanced Placement)
Block 2	Health/PE (9 th grade) or Elective, Language (Spanish,) or Arts Major Class 4	Elective, Language (Spanish,) or Arts Major Class 3
LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH
Block 3	Art Major Class 1	Art Major Class 2
Block 4	Science (standard, honors, Advanced Placement)	Social Studies (standard, honors, Advanced Placement)

ELIGIBILITY & ADMISSION



1. APPLICATION (Scan QR code!)
2. AUDITIONS
3. ENTER CMS CHOICE LOTTERY

**A passed audition must be on file prior to the lottery.*

**Students new or returning to CMS must [Enroll in CMS.](#)*



LOTTERY PROCESS:

- **Lottery Period:** November 2 to December 11, 2026,
- **Audition Results:** Families will receive results before the lottery closes.
- **Lottery Choices:** Families can enter their choices before knowing the audition results.

See

<https://www.cmsk12.org/academics/school-choice>

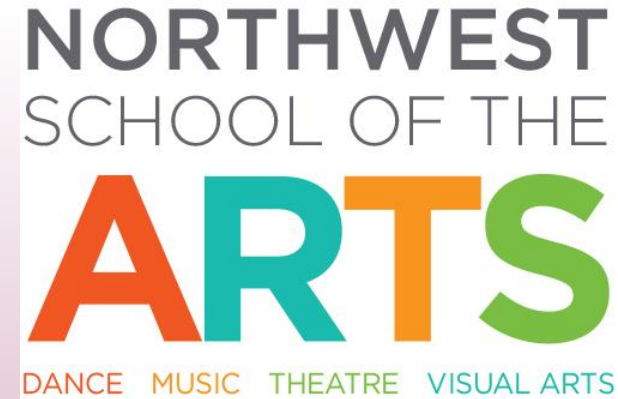
for more
information!

LOTTERY PROCESS:

- Students must pass an audition **BEFORE** the lottery closes in order to enter NWSA in the lottery.
- Families can go into anytime during the lottery window and adjust their choices in the lottery application.
- For more information, please visit <https://www.cmsk12.org/academics/school-choice>.

Lottery Choice Codes

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Audition/Major	Enter Lottery Program Choice
Band	Instrumental Music @ NWSA
Orchestra	Instrumental Music @ NWSA
Piano	Instrumental Music @ NWSA
Chorus	Choral Music @ NWSA
Dance	Dance @ NWSA
Theatre	Theatre Arts @ NWSA
Musical Theatre	Theatre Arts @ NWSA
Technical Theatre	Theatre Tech @ NWSA
Costume Design	Theatre Tech @ NWSA
Visual Arts	Visual Arts @NWSA

Why NWSA?

- Rigorous Academics
- Pre-professional Arts Education
- Like-minded Peers in Pro-caring Atmosphere

Academics

“I am allowed to use my creativity and I’m encouraged to think outside the box”

“Not only have I been noticing an elevation in my arts, but in other subjects as well”

“Northwest pushes me to be the best and prove that I am not a failure.”

Integration of Academics and Arts

- All students learn differently.
- Hands-on learning.
- Academic and Arts teachers cooperate to formulate lesson plans.
- Intellectually challenging, inquiry-based.
- Proven link to higher test scores, higher graduation rates.

97.9%

NWSA 4 year average graduation rate (2014-2017)

Arts

“I am ready to bring my art to the next level and learn what I need to know to help me reach my dream.”

“I am all things art; I love to create and express myself.”

“The fact that I have the privilege of playing piano while at school is something I do not take for granted.”

Pro-Caring Atmosphere

“I’ve felt loved and accepted and I want to feel this way for my whole high school career.”

“Northwest helps me with how I present myself to people.”

“NWSA is like another home to me.”

Peers

- Like-minded
- Pro-Caring
- Committed

NWSA Audition Process

1. Submit the [Audition Request Form](#) to apply for an audition.
2. Review your child's [Audition Requirements](#) carefully to prepare for the audition/portfolio review. Following directions is essential!
3. Check audition [Dates & Deadlines](#) and your email weekly to schedule the audition.
4. And if you're auditioning before the lottery, [this is how you enter](#).
5. For questions, contact lindsaya.maciag@cms.k12.nc.us or 980-343-5500.

Clubs & Organizations

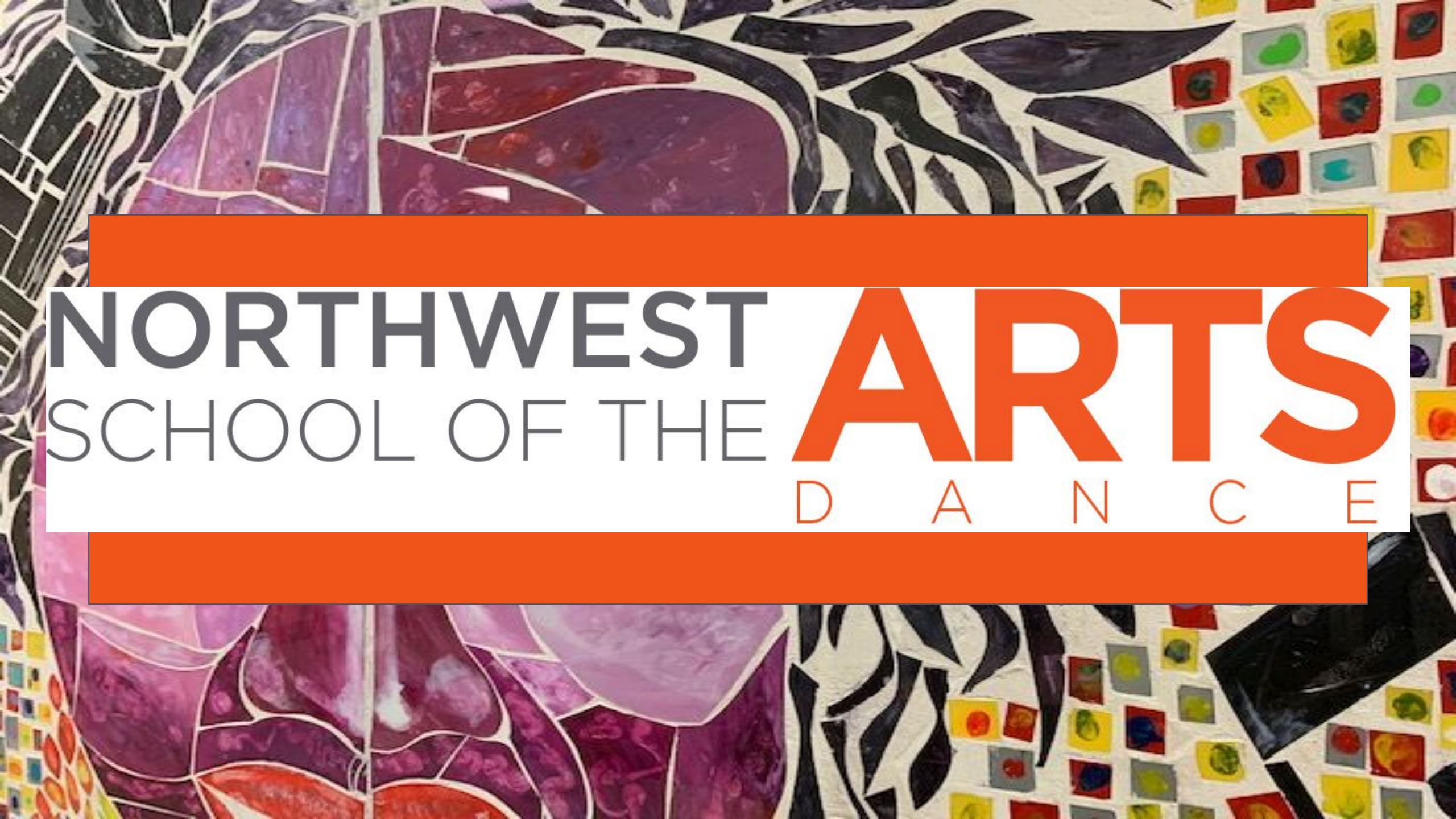
- Rho Kappa (National Social Studies Honor Society)
 - Student Government Association
 - Tri M (Modern Music Masters)
 - NWSA Spirit Club
 - Fashion Club
 - The Perfect Shot
 - Books Are Out
 - Student Ambassadors
 - Ultimate Frisbee
 - VAC/National Art Honor Society
 - Black Student Union
 - Best Buddies
 - National Spanish Honor Society
 - Inter-Club Council (ICC)
 - Teens For Courage
- For more information about club offering please visit our website [here](#).

College & Career Choices after Leaving NWSA

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THE HIGH SCHOOL DANCE MAJOR Requirements



REQUIREMENTS



PATHWAY IN HS



FOR MORE INFORMATION

DANCE BOOSTER CLUB: WWW.NWSADAB.COM

CONTACT: CHANDRA MCCLOUD GLOVER, DEPT CHAIR
CHANDRA.MCCLOUD@CMS.K12.NC.US



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SCHOLARSHIP CONCERT

Creating Opportunities Through Dance

SEPTEMBER 20, 2015



NORTHWEST SCHOOL OF THE ARTS THEATRE

Theatre Major Requirements

Theatre (High School rising grades 9-12)

Instructors: Ms. Sarah Provencal, Ms. Kelly Petre, Ms. Rasheeda Moore, and Ms. Nicia Moore

Audition Length – 1 hour

This is a group audition.

All students auditioning for Twill be evaluated on:

Performance Skills/Memorization

Understanding of the Monologue and Characterization

Physicality (use of gesture and movement)

Vocal Expression (diction, projection, vocal quality)

Energy/Stage Presence Professionalism/Ability to take direction

Attire:

Students should come to the audition dressed in clothes suitable for movement. Closed-toe closed-heel shoes suggested.

High School (rising grades 9-12)

Students auditioning for High School Theatre (drama, acting) are required to:

- ☐ Bring a theatrical resume (if experienced.)
- ☐ Participate in a short Theatre warm up game with their audition group
- ☐ Memorize and perform **TWO** 1-minute monologues chosen from our approved monologue

list. The scripts can be found at the [“Reference Documents”](#) tab of the NWSA auditions website.

Students auditioning for high school that only have one monologue prepared will not be permitted to audition



Musical Theatre Major Requirements

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Musical Theatre (High School rising grades 9-12)

Instructors - Mr. Matt Hinson, Ms. Rasheeda Moore, and Mrs. Kelly Petrere

Audition Length - 1 hour

Note: This is a group audition.

The audition will evaluate: Performance skills, Preparation, Energy/Presence, Ability to take direction and critiques, Characterization and understanding of the monologue/songs, Physicality (gestures, posture, movement), Vocal Expression (diction, projection, vocal quality, musicality), Pitch, Rhythm.

The Musical Theatre audition includes a Theatre audition. (Students who do not pass the music portion will be considered for Theatre. If a student does not pass the Theatre portion they cannot re-audition for Theatre the same year.)

High School (rising grades 9-12)

Students auditioning are required to:

- ☐ Bring a theatrical resume (if experienced).
- ☐ Memorize and perform one 1-minute contemporary monologue. Use one of the monologues we provide on the NWSA audition website, under the "[Reference Documents](#)" tab.
- ☐ Be prepared to perform **two different songs** from a Broadway musical. Each student will be asked to perform 16-32 measures (no longer). One should be up-tempo and the other should be a ballad. Bring sheet music*. An accompanist will be provided. **Instrumental-only** tracks downloaded onto mp3 players are acceptable, but do not plan to stream your tracks (YouTube, Apple Music, etc.) as you may not have network reception in the audition room. **Do not** bring a CD.

*Sheet music may be purchased at musicnotes.com or sheetmusicdirect.com. look for "Piano/Vocal" or "Vocal Pro" editions. Please place your sheet music in a 3-ring binder if possible so it will stand up when placed on the piano's music stand. You should mark your sheet music where you would like the accompanist to start and stop. We are unable to print sheet music for you on audition day.



Theatre Arts: Important Links

- Musical Theatre Audition Requirements
- Theatre Audition Requirements
- Theatre Arts Booster Club - nwsatag.com

NWSA ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT!

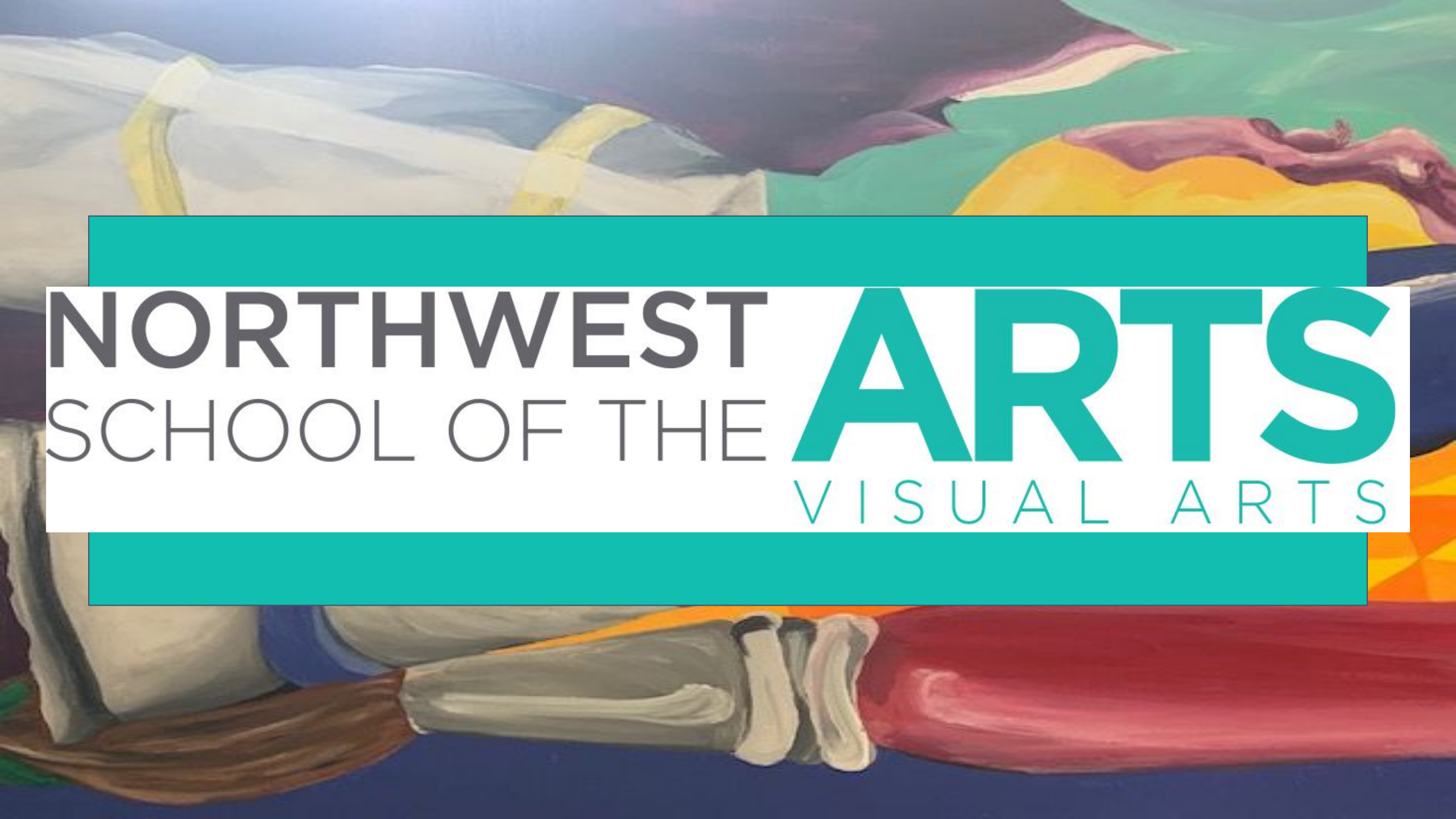
Eva Noblezada: From Charlotte to Broadway

“Northwest taught me so much. The challenge to work hard and to really push myself started there. ... It was the first place to give me a chance to shine and really helped me define myself as an actor.”

-Eva Noblezada



IN 2014, EVA NOBLEZADA was 18 years old when she debuted as the lead in Miss Saigon in London's West End. As she walked onstage before an audience of 1,600, she hadn't even graduated from Northwest School of the Arts. Only months before, she'd won "Best Actress" during the Blumey Awards, a version of the Tonys for Charlotte high-schoolers. The Northwest School of the Arts graduate returned home to Charlotte before heading to Broadway to play the lead in 'Miss Saigon'
[Click HERE to read more!](#)



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Visual Arts Major Requirements

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Familiarize yourself with the process by watching the videos and looking through the links on this page...

After that here's what you need to do:

Step 1: Submit an [Auditions Request Form](#)

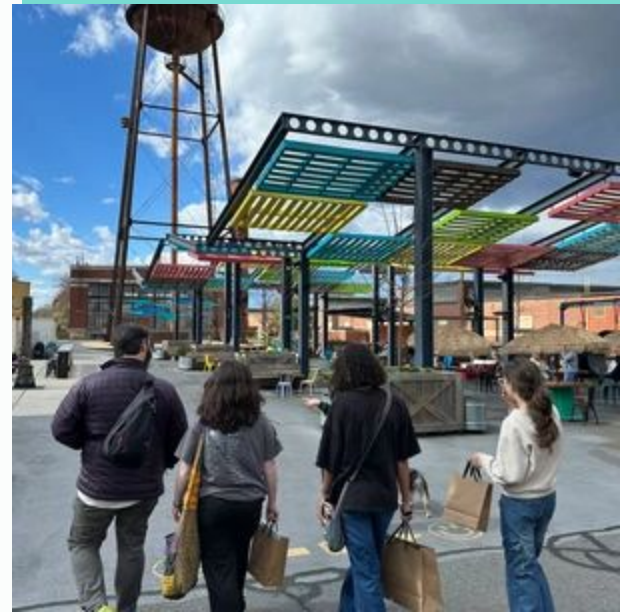
Step 2: Create [Digital Portfolio](#) using the [Template](#) to organize and [submit via google form](#). Due by day of In Person Audition.

Required Pieces:

1. Landscape OR Perspective Drawing
2. Self Portrait
3. Sculpture Piece
4. Additional Personal Best Piece
5. Critique of Personal Best Piece

Step 3: Complete [In-Person Audition](#) - contact auditions coordinator to schedule.

Step 4: [Coordinator will contact you](#) with results and next steps. **Results take 5-10 business days.** We appreciate your patients as we score and tabulate results.



What to look forward to in HS

- Ceramics (working with clay)
- Sculpture (working 3 dimensionally in various media)
- Metals & Fibers (Jewelry, work with fabric, paper, etc)
- Photography
- Printmaking (creating 2D work that can be reproduced)
- 2D Materials, Methods, and Applications (essentially a combined painting and drawing class exploring various media and concepts)
- AP Art History (survey of art and historical periods; college credit)
- AP Art and Design (students create a college level portfolio for college credit)

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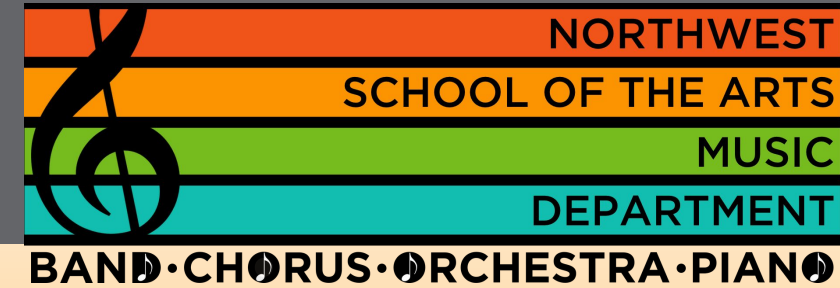
Visual Arts: Important Links

Audition Requirements - bit.ly/visartrequirements

Visual Arts Booster Club - nwsavab.com

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Band & Orchestra Requirements



Band

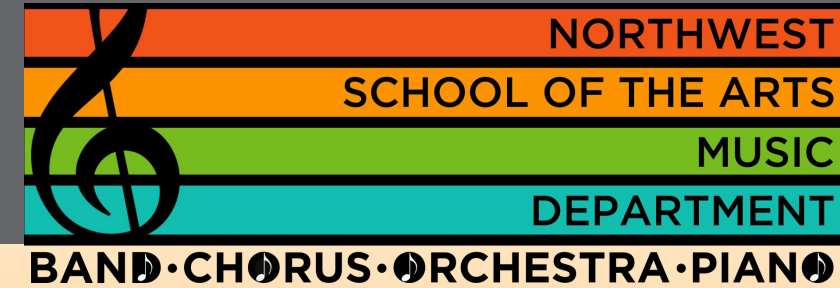
- 5 scales
- Prepared solo (1 page minimum)
- Sight reading



Orchestra:

- Scales
- Required Solo
- Solo of your choice
- Sightreading

Chorus Requirements



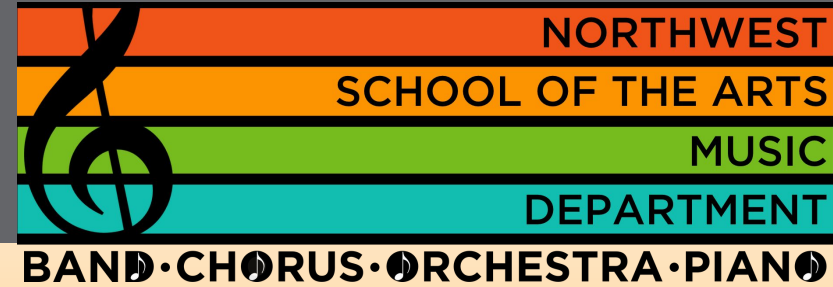
- Warm-Up & Range Check
- [Solfege Scale](#) with [Hand Signs](#)
 - Do Re Mi Fa So La Ti Do Ti La So Fa Mi Re Do
 - La Ti Do Re Mi Fa So La So Fa Mi Re Do Ti La
- Solfege Arpeggio with Hand Signs
 - Do Mi So Mi Do
 - La Do Mi Do La
- Click [HERE](#) for the Chorus Requirements!

- [My Country 'Tis of Thee](#)
- Prepared Solo
 - Check requirements for appropriate genre
- Echo Singing / Tonal Memory
- Sight Singing is suggested for students wishing to place out of lower level choirs. ONLY sight sing if you know how.

Listen to us [HERE!](#)



Piano Requirements



Beginners (rising 9th, 10th grade only):

1. Name white keys on piano and find middle "C"
2. Identify treble clef notes: middle "C" to treble "G"
3. Identify bass clef notes: bass "F" to middle "C"
4. Mini Lesson

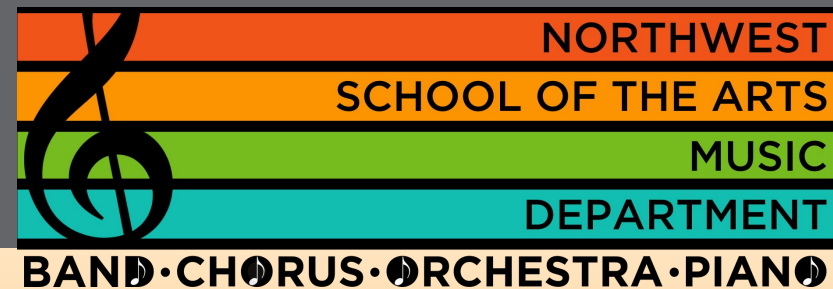


Experienced Players:

1. Scales
2. Sight-reading
3. Solo selection that best demonstrates ability



What makes our department unique?

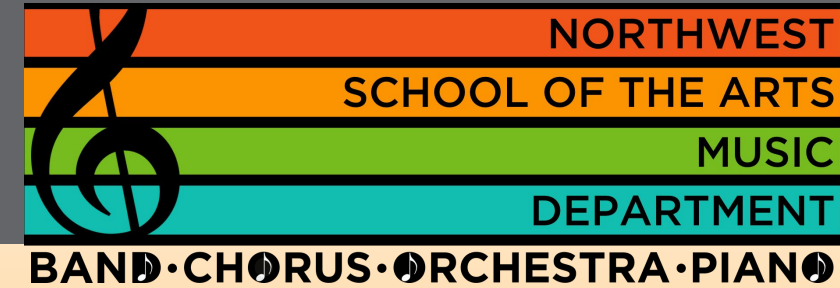


- Recital Seminar
- Partnerships with Charlotte Symphony & Opera Carolina

- Music Teacher Apprenticeship



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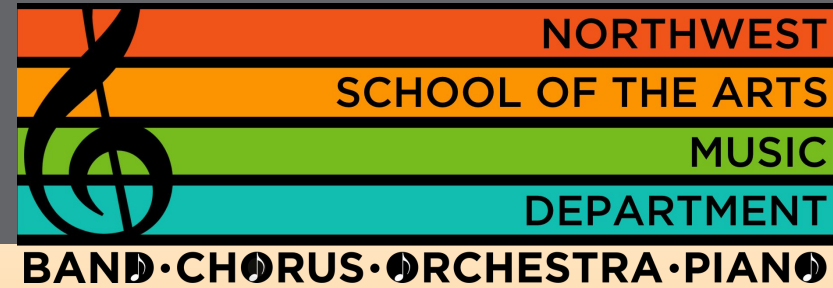
- Masterwork and other Collaborative Events!



- Field Trips!



Music: Important Links



Musicians can pursue one of four different majors:

- [Orchestra \(strings\)](#) (opens in new window)
- [Band](#) (winds and percussion)
- [Chorus](#) (opens in new window)
- [Piano](#) (opens in new window)

Booster Information:

- [Band and Orchestra Boosters](#) (opens in new window)
- [Choral Boosters](#) (opens in new window)
- [Piano Boosters](#) (opens in new window)



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Virtual Information Sessions



- **Oct. 16 5:30 PM** [The link for the meeting can be found here.](#)
- **Oct. 30 5:30 PM** [The link for the meeting can be found here.](#)*(interpreting services available)*
- **Nov. 13 5:30 PM** [The link for the meeting can be found here.](#)*(interpreting services available)*
- **Nov. 20 5:30 PM** [The link for the meeting can be found here.](#)*(interpreting services available)*
- **Dec. 11 5:30 P M** [The link for the meeting can be found here.](#)*(interpreting services available)*



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[NWSAAUDITIONS.COM](https://www.nwsaauditions.com)

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