



Grand Prairie Fine Arts Academy

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Mission: The Grand Prairie Fine Arts Academy creates a unique learning environment with a dual emphasis on advanced academics and advanced fine arts, focused on college and career readiness.

Vision: Extraordinary by Design

About Our School: The Grand Prairie Fine Arts Academy is a GPISD seven-year public school of choice. The goal is to provide students with a rigorous academic environment, encourage artistic excellence and provide professional enrichment opportunities. GPFAA uses an application and formal audition process to select students. Students completing this curriculum will be prepared to enroll in an academic university, arts conservatory or pursue a professional artistic endeavor.

Fine Arts Strands: Visual Arts, Jazz Band, Dance, Vocal Music, Mariachi, Orchestra, Theatre

- 504 Accommodations
- 100% of students are enrolled in Pre-AP, Advanced Placement, and/or Dual Credit classes
- Arts Schools Network (ASN) Member School: Exemplary School Distinction 2016-2018 & New and Emerging School 2016
- Attendance Incentives
- Capturing Kids' Hearts Showcase School
- College Readiness Activities
- Community-based Extracurricular Activities (Cinco de Mayo, Martin Luther King, etc.)
- Community Service Opportunities
- Comprehensive Guidance Counseling Program
- Dyslexia Services
- Enrichment Classes for Parents (Parent University, Computer Skills, Nutrition, ESL, etc.)
- Family Involvement Nights
- Fine Arts
- Gifted and Talented Program
- Handprints on Hearts
- High-quality classrooms, labs, library and technology
- Integrated Technology (Computer Labs, Promethean Boards, iPads, Webcams, etc.) – One-to-one Student-iPad Ratio
- International Competition Opportunities
- Minimum 90 minutes daily in fine art courses
- Parent Teacher Association (PTA)
- Performance Spaces: Black Box Theatre, state-of-the-art Dance Studio, 2D/3D Art Studios, sound proof mariachi, orchestra, vocal music, and jazz band rooms
- Rachel's Challenge Campus
- SAT and ACT Prep
- Special Education
- Student Leadership Opportunities
- Students and staff are actively publishing their work on a local and national stage
- Student of Character
- Tutoring Opportunities

Within all fine arts strands: Guest Artists, Guest Speakers, Master Classes, Development Workshops, Competitions, Performances, and Unique Field Experiences

About Our Staff: GPFAA students study with a unique staff of professional educators, many of whom are still working artists with significant training experience in their individual disciplines. Academic teachers provide innovative instruction that intentionally incorporates the arts.



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Fine Arts and Academic Courses:

- 2 AP English Courses
- 2 AP Math Courses
- 2 AP Science Courses
- 4 AP Social Studies Courses
- Acting for the Working Artist
- AP Art
- AP Music Theory
- AP Research
- Art in Media
- Costuming
- Creative Writing
- Dance for the Working Artist
- Guitar (elective)
- Lighting and Stage Design
- Musical Theatre
- Music Theory
- Oral Interpretation
- Psychology

Extracurricular Clubs and Activities:

- Art Club
- Green Team
- National Art Honor Society
- National Junior Art Honor Society
- National Junior Honor Society
- National Honor Society
- National Honor Society of Dance Arts
- Student Council
- Thespians Society
- Yearbook



Received the State's highest accountability rating of "Met Standard" • 7 of 7 Distinctions
DISTINCTIONS: Reading/English Language Arts, Math, Science, Social Studies, Student Progress,
Closing Performance Gap, Post Secondary Readiness