

Grand Prairie Fine Arts Academy

APPLICATION AND AUDITION INFORMATION FOR 2018-2019

Fall Auditions Timeline (for GPISD Students Only)

- Monday, October 30: Online Applications Open - Make sure you sign up online! Get your audition in EARLY!
- Wednesday, November 29: GPFAA audition notification emails go out to all registered applicants
- Saturday, December 9: Auditions (**BY INVITATION ONLY**) for all Dance, Jazz Band, Mariachi, Orchestra, Theatre, Visual Arts & Vocal Music (in-district only)
- Friday, February 9: Notification of acceptance or denial to GPFAA sent to applicants

How to Register

You must register online in order to audition! Go to the GPFAA website to locate the application. Here is the link: www.gpisd.org/domain/11752

Academic Eligibility Requirements

All applicants must meet the following requirements to be considered Academically Eligible:

- Pass with an average of 80 in All Core Classes (ELA, Math, Social Studies, Science)
- 90% Attendance rate for the current year
- Passed all areas of the State Assessments (STAAR or EOC) in the last administration
- Acceptable discipline record for the current year

If you miss the first round of auditions, you must sign up BEFORE January 12, 2018!

- January 12, 2018: GPFAA Applications close
- January 26, 2018: Notification of February auditions
- February 3, 2018: Auditions for all strands
- February 9, 2018: Notification of acceptance or denial to GPFAA sent to applicants

For specific information about the strand that you are auditioning for visit their website: www.gpisd.org/finearts

For specific help from your teachers, please see one of us:

- Visual Arts - annette.trammell@gpisd.org or tanner.woodman@gpisd.org
- Vocal music - karen.becker@gpisd.org or stephanie.asselin@gpisd.org
- Band - karen.becker@gpisd.org or stephanie.asselin@gpisd.org
- Dance - kristin.daniels@gpisd.org or audrey.mills@gpisd.org
- Mariachi and Orchestra - casidy.castillo-wilson@gpisd.org
- Theatre - cynthia.beene@gpisd.org or kimberly.brentham@gpisd.org

You may audition for 2 strands, but you will only be able to pursue ONE strand in 6th grade. In the event you are accepted for both strands you will be given a spot in the strand that you indicate is your first choice on the application.

Steps you need to take once you have signed up online for an audition time.

1. Email the fine arts teacher on **our** campus that is going to be the point person to help your student prepare. We have a pretty high success rate with students being accepted as long as we know they are auditioning! In a very few cases we were not made aware that some students had signed up, and they unfortunately were not fully prepared to be successful.

2. Depending on the strand, you will need to begin preparing for your audition right away!

Vocal Music - You will pick up a packet of song choices from Mrs. Becker and select one to begin memorizing.

Dance - You will be choreographing your own piece. See the dance teachers to get more information on where to begin.

Theatre - You will need to select a monologue and begin memorizing it. See the theatre teachers for approval on your monologue choice, and further details.

Art - You will need to provide a portfolio and go through an interview process. See the art teachers to discuss what pieces will demonstrate your talent and work best.

Band - You will take a listening test and have an interview. Make sure to let Mrs. Becker know you are auditioning and you will have a mock listening test prior to your real audition.

Orchestra/Mariachi - if you are currently playing in strings with Mr. CW you can talk to him about the requirements for the audition.

3. Every student auditioning will need a headshot and a resume. We will provide some example resumes that you can use to create your own. Ms. Asselin will be taking headshots on Tuesday, November 28 at 8:30 am. If you would like your student to have their picture taken, please send them to school that morning with a flash drive labeled with their name. She will load the pictures on it and you will be able to print one for the auditions.

We know this is early to get this much going for next year, but it is the TIME! PLEASE COMMUNICATE WITH US and let us HELP your student! We want them to be successful! The most confident auditions come from kids with the most time to prepare. Feel free to email any of us with your concerns/questions!

Sincerely,
GFAA Fine Arts