



### **Meeting the Students' Needs**

The Fine Arts Academy offers a challenging curriculum designed to meet the needs of the students interested in the performing and visual arts. American High School engages its students through a variety of classes offered to nurture their talent in dance, music, theater, and the visual arts.

Graduates of the Fine Arts Academy are prepared for entrance into leading colleges and universities or they may choose to immediately enter their respective professional field. These fields include

- composing
- jazz instrumental performer
- music education
- choreography
- dance
- acting
- song writing
- graphic design
- journalism
- illustration
- art education
- photography
- advertising
- vocalist

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Fine arts help students learn to observe, to reason, to think, to use imagination, and to express themselves verbally and visually. Development in these areas also helps to improve learning skills.

George D. Spache, author of The Teaching of Reading, found that when students are encouraged to use their ideas and thoughts to create an art form and are accepted for their honest efforts, they develop pride in their accomplishments. As the students develop a more positive view of themselves and a feeling of success, their school accomplishments improve.

### **Meeting Global Needs**

The concept of American's Fine Arts Academy grew out of an interest in providing an opportunity and level of support necessary to challenge, motivate, and empower our most talented arts students to become future arts leaders.

Without the arts, there would be no memorable visuals or musical connection in television commercials, creative music videos, marketable radio and television jingles, or any need for stereo systems in our automobiles. Music, art, dance, and acting play a substantial role in the way the American culture markets itself, entertains society, and shares itself with the world. Students involved in the visual arts have the opportunities to shape tomorrow's future through the use of technology in the arts as well as through visual artistic performances in today's media industry.

There are five strands in the Fine Arts Academy. First year students must take the introductory course for the strand of their choice.

## Fine Arts Academy Curriculum

### Choral, Dance, Instrumental Music, Theater and Visual Arts Strands

Students enrolling in classes beyond Beginning Band 1 and Chorus 1 are expected to perform as part of a marching and/or concert-performing unit throughout the school year. *After school rehearsals and co-curricular activities are required.*

*Required fee schedule for strands; student maintenance of uniforms is required.*

Choral	Dance	Instrumental Music	Theater	Visual Arts
Uniform Maintenance.....\$1 Chorus/Concert/ Vocal Fee.....\$	Dance Fee.....\$	Uniform Maintenance .....\$15 Instrument Rentals.....\$6 Band Fee.....\$4	Fee.....\$4.00	Art.....\$10.00 Photography .....\$20.00 Computer Art .....\$7.00

There are five strands in this academy. Sample four year programs are shown below:

	English	Mathematics	Science	Social Studies	Academy Requirements	Elective
<b>9<sup>th</sup> Choral Strand</b>	English I	Algebra I	Earth & Space	World History	Patriot Tools for Success Chorus 1 or Vocal Ensemble	Electives Foreign Language
<b>10<sup>th</sup> Choral Strand</b>	English II	Geometry	Biology	No Social Studies Personal Fitness Elective	Chorus 2 or Vocal Ensemble or Electronic Music or Music Theory	Electives Foreign Language
<b>11<sup>th</sup> Choral Strand</b>	English III	Algebra II	Physical Science or Chemistry	American History	Vocal Ensemble or Electronic Music or Music Theory	Electives Foreign Language
<b>12<sup>th</sup> Choral Strand</b>	English II	Pre-Calculus Calculus Statistics	Marine Bio Environmental Sci Anatomy	Government/ Economics	Vocal Ensemble or Music Theory or AP Music Theory	Electives Foreign Language
<b>9<sup>th</sup> Dance Strand</b>	English I	Algebra I	Earth & Space	World History	Patriot Tools for Success Dance 1	Electives Foreign Language
<b>10<sup>th</sup> Dance Strand</b>	English II	Geometry	Biology	No Social Studies Personal Fitness Elective	Dance 2	Electives Foreign Language
<b>11<sup>th</sup> Dance Strand</b>	English III	Algebra II	Physical Science or Chemistry	American History	Dance 3	Electives Foreign Language

	English	Mathematics	Science	Social Studies	Academy Requirements	Elective
<b>12th Dance Strand</b>	English II	Pre-Calculus Calculus Statistics	Marine Bio Environmental Sci Anatomy	Government/ Economics	Dance 4	Electives Foreign Language
<b>9th Instrumental Music Strand</b>	English I	Algebra I	Earth & Space	World History	Patriot Tools for Success Eurhythmics or Beginning Band or Advanced Band or Jazz Ensemble or Intro to Music Perf	Electives Foreign Language
<b>10th Instrumental Music Strand</b>	English II	Geometry	Biology	No Social Studies Personal Fitness Elective	Eurhythmics or Advanced Band or Jazz Ensemble	Electives Foreign Language
<b>11th Instrumental Music Strand</b>	English III	Algebra II	Physical Science or Chemistry	American History	Eurhythmics or Advanced Band or Jazz Ensemble	Electives Foreign Language
<b>12th Instrumental Music Strand</b>	English II	Pre-Calculus Calculus Statistics	Marine Bio Environmental Sci Anatomy	Government/ Economics	Eurhythmics or Advanced Band or Jazz Ensemble	Electives Foreign Language
<b>9th Drama Strand</b>	English I	Algebra I	Earth & Space	World History	Patriot Tools for Success Drama 1	Electives Foreign Language
<b>10th Drama Strand</b>	English II	Geometry	Biology	No Social Studies Personal Fitness Elective	Drama 2	Electives Foreign Language
<b>11th Drama Strand</b>	English III	Algebra II	Physical Science or Chemistry	American History	Drama 3	Electives Foreign Language
<b>12th Drama Strand</b>	English II	Pre-Calculus Calculus Statistics	Marine Bio Environmental Sci Anatomy	Government/ Economics	Drama 4	Electives Foreign Language
<b>9th Visual Arts Strand</b>	English I	Algebra I	Earth & Space	World History	Patriot Tools for Success Art 2D/Art 3D or Creative Photo1/2	Electives Foreign Language
<b>10th Visual Arts Strand</b>	English II	Geometry	Biology	No Social Studies Personal Fitness Elective	Art 2D Comp or Drawing &Painting or Comp Art or Creative Photo 3	Electives Foreign Language
<b>11th Visual Arts Strand</b>	English III	Algebra II	Physical Science or Chemistry	American History	Drawing &Painting or Computer Art or Creative Photo 4 or AP Studio Art or AP Art History	Electives Foreign Language

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<b>12th Visual Arts Strand</b>	English II	Pre-Calculus Calculus Statistics	Marine Bio Environmental Sci Anatomy	Government/ Economics	Portfolio or AP Studio Art or Computer Art or AP Art History	Electives Foreign Language

\*All classes are regular, Honors, Pre-AICE, AICE or Advanced Placement

The Fine Arts Academy courses are listed below.

SEQ	FL CODE	COURSE TITLE	GRADE	TCHR REC	NOTES
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***Choral***

N01	130330001	Chorus 1 (Beginning)	9-12		
N02	130331001	Chorus 2 (Treble)	10-12	Y	
N07	130344001	Vocal Ensemble 1	9	Y	
N08	130344001	Vocal Ensemble 1	10-12	Y	After school practice required
N09	130345001	Vocal Ensemble 2	10-12	Y	After school practice required
N10	130346001	Vocal Ensemble 3	11-12	Y	After school practice required
N11	130347001	Vocal Ensemble 4 Honors	12	Y	After school practice required; honors credit
N12	130430001	Electronic Music 1	10-12	Y	Audition
N13	130431001	Electronic Music 2 Honors	11-12	Y	Honors credit
N14	130030001	Music Theory I	9-12	Y	Audition
N15	130031001	Music Theory II Honors	10-12	Y	Honors credit
N16	130032001	Music Theory III Honors	11-12	Y	Honors credit
N17	130033001	AP Music Theory	10-12	Y	Advanced Placement

***Dance***

N20	030031001/	Dance Technique I	9-12		
N22	030032001	Dance Technique II Honors	10-12	Y	

***Instrumental Music***

N30	130530001/ 130531001	Eurhythmics 1/ Eurhythmics 2	9	Y	Sparklers/Flagettes; audition required
N32	130532001	Eurhythmics 3	10	Y	
N33	130533001	Eurhythmics 4	11	Y	
N34	030038001	Eurhythmics 5	12	Y	
N35	130230001	Beginning Band	9-12		Musical instrument req.
N36	130231001	Advanced Band 9	9	Y	Musical instrument req.
N37	130232001	Advanced Band 10	10	Y	Musical instrument req.
N38	130233001	Advanced Band 11	11	Y	Musical instrument req.
N39	130234001	Advanced Band 12 Honors	12	Y	Musical instrument req; honors credit
N40	130250001	Jazz Ensemble 1	9	Y	
N41	130251001	Jazz Ensemble 2	10	Y	
N42	130252001	Jazz Ensemble 3	11	Y	

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N43	130253001	Jazz Ensemble 4 Honors	12	Y	Honors credit
N44	130130001/ 130131001	Introduction to Music Performance/Music Appreciation	9-12		

***Theater***

N46	040031001	Drama 1	9-12		
N47	040032001	Drama 2	10-12	Y	
N48	040033001	Drama 3	11-12	Y	
N49	040034001	Drama 4 Honors	12	Y	Honors credit

***Visual Arts***

N54	010130001 010133001	Art/2D Comprehensive I/ Art/3-D Comprehensive I	9-12 9-12		
N56	010131001	Art/2-D Comprehensive II	10-12	Y	
N57	010432001	Drawing and Painting I	10-12	Y	
N58	010433001	Drawing and Painting II	11-12	Y	
N59	010932001	Portfolio II	12	Y	Honors credit
N60	010935001	AP Studio Art 2D Design Portfolio	11-12	Y	Advanced Placement

**Note:** For M61 through N64 (Creative Photography I-IV), you must own a point and shoot camera (not disposable). Creative Photography classes also have additional costs for film, paper, and other materials in addition to the yearly fee.

N61	010831001 010832001	Creative Photography 1/ Creative Photography 2	9-12 9-12	Y	
N63	010833001	Creative Photography 3 Honors	11-12	Y	Honors credit
N64	010834001	Creative Photography 4 Honors	12	Y	Honors credit
N65	010334001	Computer Art: Applications to Graphic Design	10-12		
N66	010331001	Advanced Computer Graphics Honors	11-12	Y	Honors credit
N67	010030001	AP Art History	11-12	Y	Advanced Placement

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