



24-25 Department Report

Date - June 9, 2025



Department Staff

- 3 District Fine Arts Office
 - Clay Johnson, Executive Director
 - Brady Sloane-Duncan, Coordinator
 - Zach McKennon, Secretary

- 82 Fine Arts Teachers/Aides
 - 13 Elementary Art Teachers/Aides
 - 14 Elementary Music Teachers (includes CFI)
 - 14 Band Directors
 - 8 Choir Directors
 - 5 Orchestra Directors - HS assistant hired for 25-26 school year
 - 2 Drill Team Directors
 - 16 Art/Photography Teachers
 - 9 Theater/Speech/Debate Teachers
 - 1 Handbell Director

- 24 Private Music Lesson Instructors
- 8 Piano Accompanists
- 4 Part Time Instructors



By the numbers

- 40 + Elementary Music Programs
 - 6 - Veterans Day Programs
 - 1 - "I Love America" Program
- 60 + Band/Choir/Orchestra Concerts
- 20 + Art Shows
 - Including most elementary campuses!
- 15 + Theatre Performances
- 2 - High School Musicals
- 1 - Middle School Musical - 1st ever



Countless - Competitions, parades, gigs, public appearances, special events, receptions, banquets, etc.



Enrollment in the Arts

Elementary - 6,738 = 100%

Secondary - 4,909 = 73%

Combined - 11,647 = 87%



Course Offerings - Elementary

Music

Kodaly, Orff, Honor Choir, Ukuleles, Recorders

Art

Drawing, Painting, Water Color, Ceramics, Sculpture



Secondary Course Offerings

Art

Drawing, painting, sculpture, ceramics, photography, AP portfolio

Dance

Drill team

Music

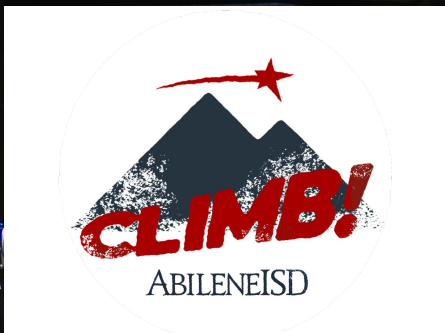
Band, choir, orchestra, handbells, jazz band, marching band, colorguard, show choir, AP music theory, Revolution Strings, steel drum band, indoor drumline, winterguard

Theater

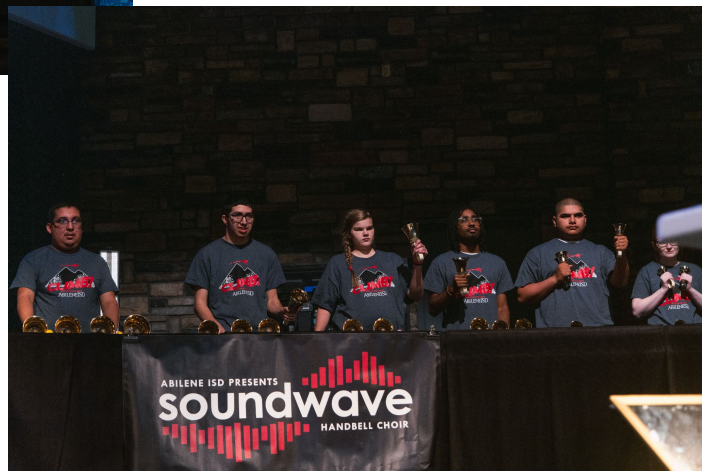
Production, acting, technical theater, and musical theater

Speech/Debate

Debate I, II, III



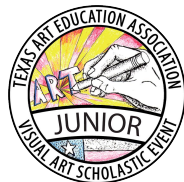
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Achievements - Art

- **TEAM** - 96/98 entries received a IV rating
- **JrVASE** - 62/68 entries received a IV rating
- **VASE** - 106/138 entries received a IV rating (an increase of 36)
- **State VASE** - 11 students took 13 total works, 7 received a IV rating
- **AEF Young Masters** - 10 scholarships were awarded to 8 students totalling \$7,500
- **Scholastic** - AISD students received 4 Gold Keys, 2 Silver Keys, and 5 Honorable Mention





Achievements - Art

Abilene High Eagle Art Community / Volunteer Service

➤ Over 90 hours earned by students in Eagle Art





Achievements - Theatre

- **Texas Thespians**
 - 8 AHS and 8 CHS students qualified for the National Thespian Festival
- **High School One Act Play (OAP)**
 - Best Performer - 1 AHS
 - All Star Technician - 1 AHS, 1 CHS
 - All Star Cast - 2 AHS, 1 CHS
 - Honorable Mention All Star Cast - 2 AHS, 2 CHS
- **High School JV OAP Festival - AHS**
 - Best Technical Individual
 - All Star Cast - 1 student
 - Honorable Mention All Star Cast - 2 students
- **Middle School OAP Festival**
 - all 4 AISD campuses participated
 - Mann MS - 1st Place





Achievements - Band

- AHS & CHS Marching Bands advanced to the AREA A Marching Contest
 - Both bands received the sweepstakes award for the 24-25 school year
- 9 out of 12 bands earned a first division rating at UIL Concert/Sightreading Evaluations
- 61 students named to the Middle School Big Country Honor Band
- 37 students named to the TMEA All Region Band
- 21 students named to TMEA All Area
- 2 students named to the TMEA HS All State Band
- 249 MS students received a Division 1 Solo medal
- 124 HS students received UIL Division 1 Solo/Ensemble medal
 - 92 advanced to State
 - Solo Gold Medals - 7
 - Solo Silver Medals - 9
 - Ensemble Gold Medals - 27
 - Max Frick Named Outstanding Performer





Achievements - Choir

- 11 out of 16 choirs earned a UIL Sweepstakes Trophy
- 58 Students named to the Middle School Big Country Honor Choir
- 18 HS students made the TMEA All Region Choir
- 9 HS students made the TMEA Pre Area Choir
- 4 HS students made the TMEA All Area Choir
- 148 MS students received a Division 1 Solo medal
- 46 HS students received UIL Division 1 Solo/Ensemble medals - Region Contest
 - 46 advanced to State
 - Solo Gold Medals - 10
 - Solo Silver Medals - 11
 - Izayah Jaramillo - Named Outstanding Performer

- 1st Annual 6th Grade Singabration





Achievements - Orchestra

- 6 out of 12 orchestras earned superior ratings at the UIL Concert/Sightreading Evaluations.
- 37 students named to the Middle School Big Country Honor Orchestra
- 8 students named to the TMEA All Region Orchestra
- 122 MS students received a Division 1 Solo medal
- 7 HS students received UIL Division 1 Solo/Ensemble medals - Region Contest
 - 4 advanced to State
 - Solo Gold Medals - 1
 - Solo Silver Medals - 2

- 1st Annual 6th Grade Orchestra Festival
 - Mann MS (1st place)





Achievements - Drill Team

Gold Rush - Crowd Pleasers Regionals

- ★ Team Routines (lyrical, pom, jazz) - Best in Class
- ★ Officer Routines (lyrical, jazz) - Best in Class
- ★ Highest overall GPA in all divisions: 4.0
- ★ Grand Champion Classic Team

Cougarettes - Showtime International Dallas Grand Finale

- ★ Team Routines (novelty, contemporary, pom) - Sweepstakes & Grand Champions
- ★ Team Novelty - Best in category, Applause Award, & Supreme Award for best overall Novelty routine.





One of only four groups selected for this honor!



You are invited to join

THE Voice OF TAYLOR

Tuesday, February 11
Boone Theater
Abilene Christian University
6:30 p.m.

Thursday, February 13
Henry B. Gonzales Convention Center
Stars at Night Ballroom
San Antonio, Texas
2:45 p.m.



**2025 Invited
Performing Ensemble**





Field Trips & Community Partners

- Children's Performing Arts Series (CPAS) & Young Audiences of Abilene
 - All Abilene ISD 2nd grade
 - *Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus: A Musical!*
- ACU Opera performance of *Hansel & Gretel*
 - All choir/theatre students in 6-8th grade
- Abilene Ballet Theatre - *The Nutcracker*
 - All Abilene ISD 4th grade
- Abilene Philharmonic Discover Music Concert
 - All Abilene ISD 5th grade
 - All band/orchestra students in grades 6-8
 - 2,150 students





Field Trips & Community Partners

➤ National Center for Children's Illustrated Literature (NCCIL)

- Rafael Lopez Exhibit / Workshop
 - 2,089 elementary students
 - Ortiz - Partnership during project
 - Middle School Honors Art Initiative
- Loren Long, Children's Illustrator - Campus Visits
 - Taylor & Austin
- Family Nights at Ward, Purcell, & Alcorta
- District Art Show - 769 Visitors

➤ The Grace Museum

- Art lessons at AISD Campuses - 1900 students served
- Youth Art Month Show - 983 works displayed
- Young Masters Art Show - 40 works displayed
 - Workshop field trips (The Grace, Meow Wolf)
- School Tours - 750 students served
- History Traveling Trunks - 650 students served
- GT Science & Art - Austin GT
- Art Teacher Summer Workshops - Elementary & Secondary



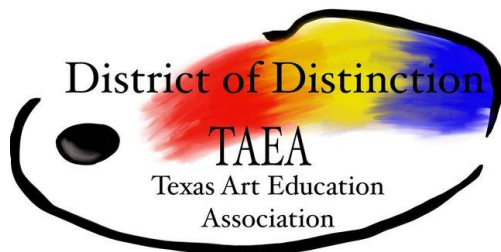
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- Young Audiences of Abilene
 - After school programs focused in the Arts (theatre, dance, art) for 4th & 5th grade students
 - Bonham, Bassetti, Dyess, Ortiz, Stafford, Ward
 - Responsive Arts in School Education (RAISE) Program
 - Thomas & Bassetti Elementary



2024-2025 District Distinctions

- Best Communities for Music Education
 - NAMM Foundation (8th year)
- District of Distinction
 - Texas Art Educators Association (4th year)
- Award of Distinction
 - Texas Educational Theatre Association (1st year)





Questions?
