

2025 BEST Communities for MUSIC EDUCATION

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TISD Fine Arts

- Mission and Vision
- Programs and Accomplishments
- Fine Arts Evaluation
- Participation
- Alumni Spotlight

MISSION, MOTTO, AND VISION

MISSION

To educate, challenge, and inspire our students through diverse opportunities across the fine arts, enabling them to reach their artistic, creative, and expressive potential.

ΜΟΤΤΟ

Igniting potential through artistic excellence.

VISION

Preparing students to lead, create, and contribute meaningfully through the arts—shaping communities, influencing culture, and driving innovation.



- Every campus music program performed up to 6 performances during the year & honor choirs performed in the community.
- Sampson-Howard Orchestra Premier- 33% of enrollment
- Kodaly Training- 3 teachers certified





- Premier Year: high student involvement across campus.
- Completed 1st major show in the fall Semester: "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow"
- A community member partnered with TEF to create an endowment that funded the first campus musical, *Willy Wonka*, and will support future productions.





- 21 Medals at VASE Competition (HS)
- 22 Medals at Jr. VASE Competition (MS) 4 Platinum Medals
- Hosted 2 successful Parent Involvement Art events that hosted over 160 families.
- Completed over 450 hours of community service and field experience.



Regional Medalists, Division 3

Congratulations to our Division 3 Regional Medalists!! We are so proud of every one of you!!





"Mercei" Noah Armstrong



"Chiquitita" Valentina Morales



- Grand Champions @ Ascension & Danceline Contests
- 40% of Dancers maintained an 'A' average for the entire year! 100% passing in the 1st semester!
- Dance Staff: Kelci Bjornlie & Madi Baker selected as Featured Presenters for Texas Dance Educators Conference





- Advanced to UIL Bi-District One-Act Play Contest
- 28 National Finalists (Acting, Tech, & Film)

• Avery Morris, UIL Prose & Poetry DISTRICT CHAMPION!







- 37 Students Qualified for State Solo & Ensemble (16 of those Medaled @ State!)
- Multiple Superior Ratings across UIL Contests & Evaluations with ALL ensembles.
- Temple Highlighters-Commended Winner
 2024 National Jazz Honors Project





- Superior Ratings with EVERY Ensemble @ UIL Concert & Sightreading Evaluation.
- 27 Students Qualified for State Solo & Ensemble

• More than 150 hours of performances & Community Service!





- 18 Students Qualified for State Solo & Ensemble
- Varsity Orchestra- SWEEPSTAKES (2 Superior Ratings) @ UIL Evaluation
- Greg Hernandez accepted to Berklee School of Music!





- DEPARTMENT
- Best Communities for Music Education Award- 1st Year!



- Meta Grant Recipient: \$16K to purchase 2 BEAM Mobile Projection devices to support tech in the classroom.
- More than \$165K in Fine Arts Student Scholarships & 13 Srs. pursuing careers in the Arts.







---- Visual Arts

---- All-Level Music

Dance & Theatre



RECOMMENDATIONS





ENROLLMENT - DISTRICT



2,732 unique students (63.9%) 3,228 program enrollment

2,686 unique students (61.7%) 3,148 program enrollment

2,611 unique students (60.5%) 3,106 program enrollment

CHALLENGES FOR PROGRAM GROWTH

- State Accountability
 - Changes in requirements for RTI at MS
 - Changes in requirements for CCMR at HS

NAVIGATING THE FUTURE

- Increasing parent/student interaction opportunities
- Adding Dual Credit to existing Fine Arts classes at THS
- Investigating unique ways to open up opportunities for fine arts participation
- Utilizing data from Cadenza to inform recruitment & instruction
- Updating the T-TESS Fine Arts Snapshots & Walk-Through Guides

FINE ARTS ALUMNI - ANGEL TOLBERT

- THS Class of 2017
- Meistersingers, Encore, Polyfoniks
- Choir teacher at Lamar Middle School TISD

"I can genuinely say that without the TISD Fine Arts Department, I have no clue where I would be, and what I would be doing at this moment in my life. I had many interests but only one passion. There has not been a single person who has found out what I'm doing for my career and is surprised. This is what makes me happy and TISD Fine Arts helped me find that passion. Now I can help other growing minds find theirs."



FINE ARTS ALUMNI - ASHTON YARBROUGH

- THS Class of 2020
- Orchestra, Band, Jazz Band
- Full time musician in Maui, HI. Jobs include teaching, recording, performing, music directing, and show production

"The Temple ISD fine arts program had a HUGE impact on **Eve**!rything I'm able to do now is because of the opportunities given to me by my music teachers! Teachers like Mr. Flowers, Mr. Duran, Mr. Roucloux, Mr. Mathesen and Ms. Lotspeich (among others) were responsible for getting me some of my first real gigs and teaching me the skills I needed to do this professionally!"



FINE ARTS ALUMNI - JANICE CODY

- THS Class of 2023
- Theatre
- Majoring in Lighting Design at the University of Houston. Received an internship with the Houston Shakespeare Festival as a lighting designer this summer. Works for the Moody Center and Livenation as a lighting stagehand.

"Theatre has played a crucial role in shaping who I am today. Being a part of Ms. Stewart's theatre program gave me a sense of purpose and belonging during a time when I was still figuring out my identity. It taught me how to collaborate, communicate, and express myself creatively in ways that traditional academics couldn't. Through lighting design, I discovered confidence and resilience, learning how to handle pressure, take constructive criticism, and think on my feet. Theatre wasn't just an extracurricular activity, it became a space where I found my voice and realized my passion for the arts. Those experiences continue to guide me in my college journey, both personally and professionally."





Thank You For Your Time

QUESTIONS?



