

ACADEMIC YEAR 2025 - 2026

Fine Arts

Report to the Board of Trustees | June 8, 2026

DRILL TEAM & DANCE GROWTH

Competitive Success

- 🏆 **Showtime International:** 2nd Runner-Up in ALL Division Categories.
- 🏆 Awarded "Best in Class" for Officer Precision earlier in the season.

Program Enrollment

JH DANCE

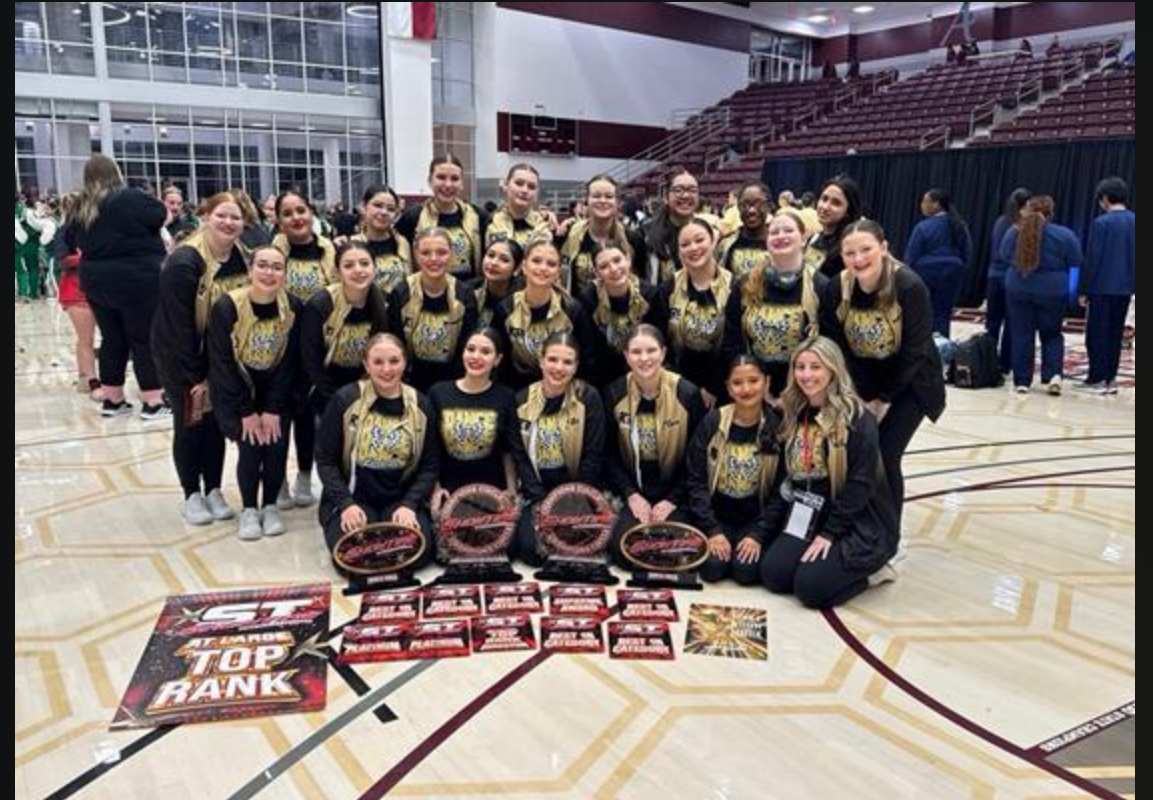
9 → 22

NEXT YEAR ENROLLED

DRILL TEAM

22 → 30

NEXT YEAR ENROLLED



THEATER ARTS

THE LITTLE MERMAID

- Highest Broadway Dallas scores in school history
- 8 “Outstanding” individual performers plus overall outstanding costumes--up from one outstanding performer in *Cinderella* and one outstanding performer in *Footloose*. (Outstanding is the highest Broadway Dallas rating.)
- Largest musical student participation in history
- Highest profiting musical
- Broadway Dallas requested to display costumes at the High School Musical Theatre Awards



GROWTH

We increased production company growth for three years in a row
We more than doubled numbers for both JH and HS production companies since 2024!



KAUFMAN
THEATRE
COMPANY



Clara Johnson and Blake Wallace both medaled at Region in UIL Prose and Poetry Interpretation, placing them in the top 24 in the state. Blake will go on to compete at UIL State as part of the top 12.



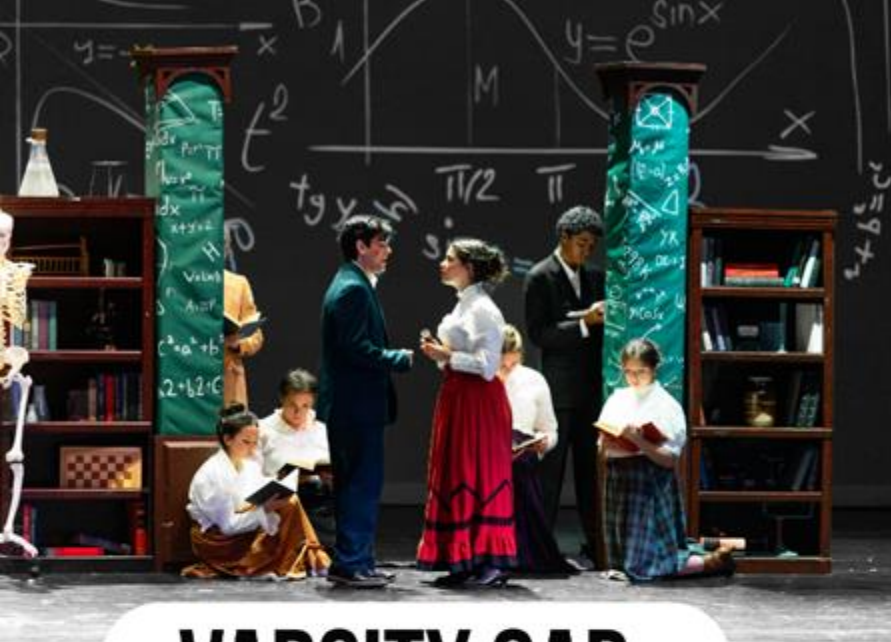
Participated in Project Stay Gold with the National Tour of The Outsiders. Students got to see the musical and then participate in a talk back after the show with members of the cast.



District UIL Prose and Poetry Team Results -
Blake Wallace-1st place Poetry Interp
Clara Johnson-3rd place Prose Interp
Landyn Rhein-4th place Prose Interp
Ethan Wetherbee-6th place Prose Interp



Blake Wallace was nominated as a lead semi-finalist (which includes the top 50 student musical theatre performers in North Texas) and represented the school in Broadway Dallas's High School Musical Theatre Awards show



VARSITY OAP *Bluestockings*



4TH PLACE AT DISTRICT

- All Star Cast (1)
- Honorable Mention All Star (1)
- All Star Technician (1)

TEAM AWARDS



JV OAP

Anatomy of Gray



3RD PLACE AT DISTRICT

- All Star Cast (2)
- Honorable Mention All Star (2)
- All Star Technician (2)
- Best Performer of the Day (1)
- Best Overall Tech Team

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS



JH OAP

Alice in Wonderland



1ST PLACE AT DISTRICT

- All Star Cast (2)
- Honorable Mention All Star (1)
- All Star Technician (1)
- Best Performer of the Day (1)

TEXAS THESPIAN FESTIVAL



- Largest group of Kaufman students attended Thespians Festival.
- 9 students were rated Superior and qualified for nationals!
- - the most ever to be rated Superior in one year!
- 2nd year ever for Junior High to attend Junior Thespians
- Lyric Wolfe got a perfect score and qualified for mainstage out of thousands of entries!



TEXAS
THESPIANS™

CHORAL HIGHLIGHTS

ENROLLMENT & GROWTH

2023-2024

**Total Enrollment:
57**

2025-2026

**Total Enrollment:
85**

49% GROWTH





AWARDS & ACCOLADES NORMAN JR HIGH



Pride of Texas
Music Festival

Epic Waters
Music Festival

7/8th Grade Choir

6th Grade Choir

SUPERIOR

SUPERIOR

AWARDS & ACCOLADES KAUFMAN HIGH SCHOOL



American Classic &
Lone Star Classic

EXCELLENT
Rating



AWARDS & ACCOLADES

UIL SOLO & ENSEMBLE

Blake Wallace
Harper Jordan



SUPERIOR
Advanced to State

BAND PROGRAM

State-Level Distinction

COLOR GUARD: UNPRECEDENTED GROWTH

- ☛ **Double Promotion:** Two classifications in one year to Scholastic A.
- ☛ **NTCA Success:** Multiple 1st place finishes.
- ☛ **National Ranking:** 3 points from National A status.
- ☛ **Growth:** 12 members in 22-23 → 30 Enrolled for 26-27



MARCHING BAND

- 🏆 **State Marching:** Semifinalist (Alamodome).
- 🏆 **UIL Area:** 2nd Place out of 23 Bands.
- 🏆 **BOA Waco:** 1st Runner Up (Championships).
- 🏆 **Competitive Streak:** 2nd/3rd places at Mesquite & Midlothian.



STATE HONORS & INDIVIDUAL GROWTH

| Program Honors

- 🏆 **TMEA 5A State Honor Band:** 8th Place in Texas.
- 🏆 **TBA Invited Ensemble:** Recognition by Texas Bandmasters Assoc.
- 🏆 **Jazz Guest:** Residency with legend **Dr. Doreen Ketchens.**

| Individual Excellence

- 🏆 **All-Region Band:** 17 students (5A/6A competition).
- 🏆 **Area Qualifiers:** 6 students

UIL ACHIEVEMENT

UIL Sweepstakes Defined

The highest UIL honor, requiring superior ratings in Marching, Concert, and Sight-Reading.

ALL BANDS

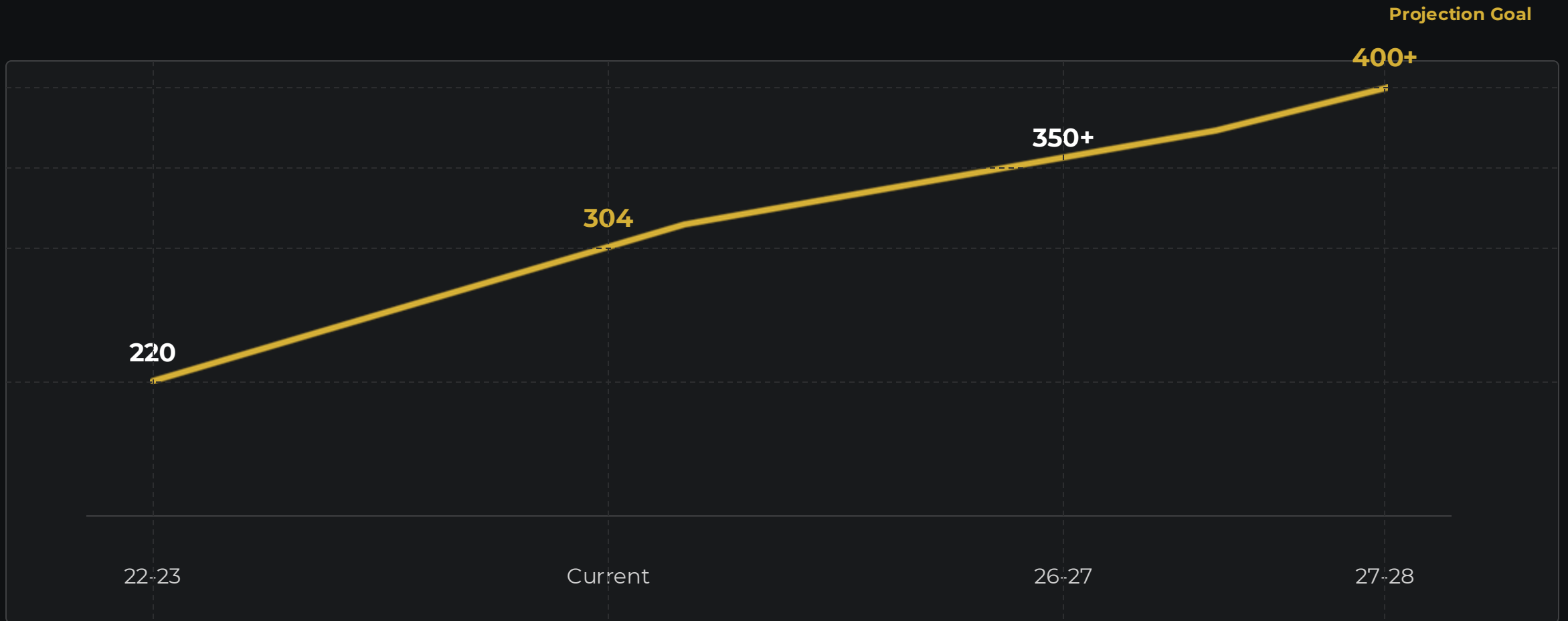
Earned Sweepstakes Honors

UNANIMOUS

Division 1 Ratings from ALL Judges



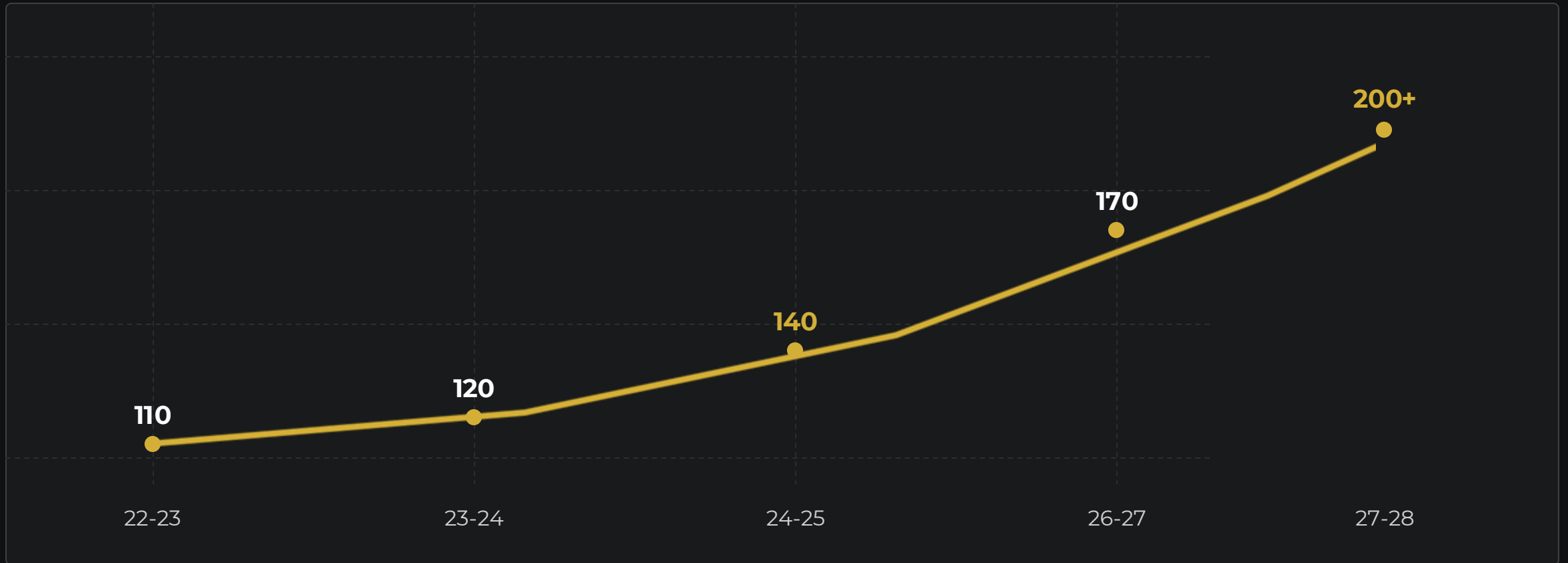
JH BAND ENROLLMENT TRENDS



Significant growth trajectory from **220 students** in 22-23 to a projected **400+** by 27-28.

HS BAND ENROLLMENT PROJECTION

Projection Goal



Steady growth from **110 students** in 22-23 to a projected **200+** by 27-28.

Fine Arts & Academic Performance

Engagement Achievement Metrics

Texas Achievement Metric	High Arts Engagement	Low Arts Engagement
Avg. Cumulative GPA	3.42	2.91
STAAR Math Mastery	88%	64%
Advanced Placement Participation	62%	28%
Dual Credit Achievement	45%	19%

**Data sourced from National Endowment for the Arts and State of the Arts longitudinal reports.*

The Standardized Testing Delta

+92

SAT POINT GAP

Consistency in Testing

Data from **The College Board** confirms that students with four years of music and arts classes score nearly 100 points higher on their SATs.

This advantage remains constant across all socioeconomic backgrounds, serving as a primary academic equalizer.

Meeting Success Benchmarks



68%

■ Arts Students: College Ready

■ Non-Arts: 32% Readiness Gap

Highly engaged students are **46% more likely** to pass college entry benchmarks (TSI) than their peers.

Daily Attendance Benchmarks

Fine Arts Students

93.3% ADA

Campus Average (Non-Arts)

84.9% ADA

Reduced Absenteeism directly boosts State Funding.

Arts enrollment reduces chronic absenteeism by up to 50.8% compared to non-arts peers.

*"How miraculous that we exist on this planet
at the same time..."*

-Disney's Luminous: The Symphony of Us

Thank you for your support of our students.

Questions?