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## Mission

Arizona School for the Arts inspires **creative thinkers and leaders** through providing an innovative concentration in **college preparation informed by the performing arts.**



## Our Philosophy

Today's rapidly changing world has handed us new music to play. Because the arts are integral to the development of both the community and the individual, Arizona School for the Arts is uniquely able to create opportunities for weaving together intellectual exploration and creative expression. Our students of today build the skills and attitudes needed to be the problem solvers of tomorrow. Finely tuned and technically skilled, ASA students are moving Arizona forward.

## ASA at a Glance: Fiscal Year 2018

- 840 students
- 5<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade, non-profit public charter school
- Accredited by AdvancEd
- Member, Rocky Mountain and National Association of College Admissions Counselors
- Combined SAT scores rank 15<sup>th</sup> in AZ
- Over 135 classes in Music, Theater, and Dance
- Serves Phoenix Metro area - over 100 zip codes
- National Merit recognition – average 12% of classes
- AZ Civic Engagement School of Excellence 2013-17
- 70 Faculty members and teaching artists – 65% hold advanced degrees.
- Located in the Phoenix Central Arts District and near Arizona State University and University of Arizona downtown campuses
- 100% of the class of 2018 will attend four-year college or conservatory or have plans for post-secondary study. 34% of the class plans to pursue a STEM related discipline.
- 2017 & 2018, #1 Team in High School Mock Trial Arizona State Competition
- 2017 Mock Trial ranked 9<sup>th</sup> in the nation
- 2015-2018, ASA Freshmen raised \$15,000 to support a clean water well in South Sudan.

## Graduation Requirements & Demographics

ASA requires the following HS credits for graduation:	5 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> Grade Demographics:	
	Ethnicity	
English	4	African American 4%
Foreign Language	4	Asian/Pacific Islander 4%
Social Studies	4	Hispanic 22%
Mathematics	4	Native American/Alaskan 1%
Science	4	Two or More 5%
Arts (6 in major)	8	White/Caucasian 61%

Class of 2018    **Avg SAT: R/W 625    M 595**  
**Avg ACT Composite: 27**

## Class of 2018

Current GPAs	% of 83 Students
4.0 +	25%
3.5 – 3.999	38%
3.0 – 3.499	27%
2.5 – 2.999	10%
2.0 – 2.499	0%

**A+** (97-100; 4.33), **A** (93-96.9; 4.0),  
**A-** (90-92.9; 3.66), **B+** (87-89.9; 3.33),  
**B** (83-86.9; 3.0), **B-** (80-82.9; 2.66),  
**C+** (77-79.9; 2.33), **C** (73-76.9; 2.0),  
**C-** (70-72.9; 1.66), **NCE** (No Credit Earned)

## Advanced Placement Opportunities

ASA offers select AP courses, **English Lit., US History, Calculus AB, Statistics, and US Govt. & Politics**, and the opportunity to earn honors credits in all junior and senior level classes – designated (H) on transcripts. Students have an option to earn college credit through select dual-enrollment courses.

## Special Offerings

### Academic Presentations

All students give a formal academic presentation one time each year. Students invest 9 weeks honing their research, writing and presentation skills culminating in a formal presentation and discussion with a jury of faculty and parents. Content varies by grade level and is integrated across several disciplines.

### Senior Capstone

The senior experience culminates in a semester-long integrated study of environmental and economic issues. Students delve deeply into contemporary issues and present their findings in a professional presentation and defense of their findings.

### Performing Arts

ASA's award winning experience includes a minimum of two hours of daily artistic study. Teaching artists have formal training and advanced degrees while also maintaining their own professional practice. Beginning in middle school, all students learn the fundamentals of music theory and technique through piano and vocal

instruction and one additional art form – instrumental, theatre or dance. High school students select a major area of study.

### Arts Performances

Artistic performances are required in all arts classes- typically in large ensembles/classes and periodically select ensemble or individual recitals for those most accomplished in their disciplines. Over 100 performances are given annually. The year concludes with a professional production for the community in which all students participate.

### Community Involvement

As a specialized school located in the heart of downtown Phoenix, ASA students are embedded in community activities ranging from service projects to special performances and internships. Active participation in community leadership is strongly encouraged and cultivated through campus clubs and organizations.