



Arizona School for the Arts
A COLLEGE PREPARATORY AND PERFORMING ARTS TRADITION

Arts Auditions & Placement

Arts Admissions & Program Overview

The goal for the ASA arts program is for the student to gain mastery in a specific arts area. The ASA arts program is based in performing arts and students are placed in classes according to skill rather than age/grade level. ASA offers programs in music, theatre and ballet. Placement in ASA arts classes is based upon availability at each student's performance level.

Any questions about arts programs or audition information should be directed to Laura Apperson, Arts Director.

Upon acceptance, new students will receive their arts classes by mid-May. All arts classes are assigned for new students based upon their lottery number and audition results. All arts classes at ASA are limited by class size.

5th & 6th Grade Students

Overview

All students take piano, choir, and one additional art class (selected during the application process).

Choices for the additional art class:

- Instrument choices:
 - Band: Flute, oboe, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, french horn, trombone, euphonium, tuba
 - Strings: violin, viola, cello, string bass
 - Guitar program is offered as part of the regular curriculum for 5th & 6th grade students, however there is a fee to participate in this class.
- Dance
- Theatre (limited enrollment for 5th grade, see note below for 6th grade)

Audition Information

- Piano- no audition required

- **Choir**
 - At the beginning of the school year, all new students audition for the appropriate vocal placement.
 - Please note: vocal assessments are comprehensive and based on the criteria established the choral arts department.
- **Instrument**
 - Beginning students do not audition.
 - Students requesting a placement higher than a beginning level in instrument class **MUST** submit a video audition. Instructions for the video submission are available below for each instrument area.
 - Students that cannot submit a video audition can request an in-person audition.
- **Dance**
 - Students applying for 5th grade beginning dance **MUST** take a readiness audition on the day of their placement testing.
 - Please review the 5th Grade Dance Beginning Ballet Admissions Information sheet below.
 - Please note: Due to re-enrollment of current ASA 5th graders who move to 6th grade, there are no openings in beginning dance for incoming 6th graders. Incoming 6th grade students must audition into the Ballet Foundations 1 level.
 - There is no recreational ballet or dance program.
- **Theatre**
 - No audition is required. Class size is limited to 20 students per year.
 - Please note: Due to re-enrollment of current ASA 5th graders who move to 6th grade, there are no openings in theatre for incoming 6th graders.

5th Grade Connections Students

- If your student is identified as needing remediation in math or English, you will be notified in the offer of enrollment. Your student will be placed in the math/English connections class(es). This placement will affect their arts schedule.

7th & 8th Grade Students

Overview

All students take piano, choir, and one additional art class (selected during the application process).

Choices for the one additional art class:

- Instrument choices

- Band: Flute, oboe, clarinet, bassoon, saxophone, trumpet, french horn, trombone, euphonium, tuba
- Percussion: Current ASA students receive first priority for open slots in beginning percussion. Students interested in beginning percussion will be contacted for an entry assessment at the time of enrollment if openings are available.
- Strings: violin, viola, cello, string bass
- Guitar: ASA offers classical guitar instruction. Spaces for beginners is limited.
- Dance
- Theatre arts classes are offered as part of the regular curriculum for 7th and 8th grade students. Due to the popularity of this class, new students are unable to select it for their first year of arts study at ASA. All students at ASA are eligible to audition and participate in the middle school productions, which occur after school.

Audition Information

- Piano- no audition required
- Choir
 - Beginning students do not audition.
 - Students requesting a placement higher than a beginning level in voice MUST submit a video audition. Instructions for the video submissions are below.
- Instrument
 - Beginning students do not audition.
 - Students requesting a placement higher than a beginning level in instrument class MUST submit a video audition. Instructions for the video submissions are below.
 - Students who cannot submit a video audition can request an in-person audition.
- Dance
 - All students interested in dance MUST audition for ballet in January during open auditions.
 - Students that are not able to attend the in-person audition may submit a video auditions. Instructions for the video submissions are below.
 - There is no beginning dance in 7th & 8th grade.
 - There is no recreational ballet or dance program.

9th – 12th Grade Students

Overview

- Placement in ASA arts classes is based upon availability at each student's performance level.
- Students are required to take 2 arts classes per year. Areas of interest (music, theatre, or dance) must be indicated on the student's application.

- 9th grade students requesting a placement higher level in instrument class MUST submit a video audition. Instructions for the video submissions are available below for each instrument area.
- Students entering grades 10-12 must submit a video audition for placement into the intermediate level of their arts program. There are no beginning instrument classes for 10th-12th grade students.
- Students who choose dance can only study dance due to the length of the class schedule. This dance class will count as 2 arts classes.
- Students who study music will choose 2 different classes in music.
- Students who study theatre will be enrolled in the theatre program that matches their experience and grade level.
- Students that wish to be in music and theatre will have 3 arts class. An additional fee is required.
- Before the junior year, students will declare a major for their arts specialty area.

Choices for arts classes:

- Music
 - Choir
 - Piano
 - Instrument choices
 - Band: Flute, oboe, clarinet, bassoon, saxophone, trumpet, french horn, trombone, euphonium, tuba
 - Percussion: Current ASA students get first priority for open slots in beginning percussion. Beginning percussion is only open to 9th grade students. If at the time of enrollment there are openings available students will be asked to complete an entry assessment.
 - Strings: violin, viola, cello, string bass
 - Guitar: ASA offers classical guitar instruction only. Spaces for beginners are limited and only available for 9th grade students. Students in 10th-12th grades must audition into Guitar Foundations 2 to be enrolled in the guitar program.
- Dance
 - Students will be placed according to their skill level
 - Students interested in the Contemporary program, must first pass their ballet audition to be considered. A second audition may be requested.
- Theatre
 - All classes are taught in 2 period blocks.
 - Review the ASA website for more details about the program and course offerings.

- Students that are assigned with part of their study during 9th hour will be provided a study hall.

Audition Information

- Piano
 - Students requesting piano in high school MUST submit a video audition. Instructions for the video submissions are available below.
 - Beginning high school piano does not require an audition and is only available during 9th period. The course is a fee based, for credit class.
- Choir
 - Beginning students in 9th grade do not audition.
 - Students requesting a placement higher than a beginning level in voice MUST submit a video audition. Instructions for the video submissions are available below.
- Instrument
 - Beginning students in 9th grade do not audition.
 - Students requesting a placement higher than a beginning level instrument class MUST submit a video audition. Instructions for the video submissions are below.
 - Students who cannot submit a video audition can request an in-person audition.
- Dance
 - All students interested in dance MUST audition in ballet during the open auditions times in January.
 - Ladies should bring pointe shoes to their audition. Female ballet students must have 2 years of study in pointe work.
 - Students who are unable to attend the in-person auditions may submit a video audition. Instructions for the video submissions are below.
 - There is no recreational ballet or dance program.
- Theatre
 - New students enrolling in 9th grade do not audition for theatre
 - 9th-12th grade students requesting a placement higher than an entry level class MUST submit a video audition. Instructions for the video audition are available below.