

**ASA at a Glance: Fiscal Year 2019**

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- 850 students
- 5<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade, non-profit public charter school
- Located in the Phoenix Central Arts District and near Arizona State University and University of Arizona downtown campuses
- Accredited by AdvancEd
- Combined SAT scores rank 22<sup>nd</sup> in AZ
- Over 135 classes in Music, Theater, and Dance
- Serves Phoenix Metro area - over 100 zip codes
- City of Phoenix Mayor Kate Gallego proclaimed May 30<sup>th</sup> at Arizona School for the Arts Day
- US News lists ASA as #12 in Arizona and #8 in Charter Schools in Arizona
- AZ State Civic Engagement School of Excellence Recognition 2013-18
- 67% of 70 academic teachers and teaching artists hold advanced degrees.
- Class of 2019: 14% First Generation College Students and 98% of the class will attend four-year college or conservatory or have plans for post-secondary study.
- Mock Trial: Team A was Arizona Regional Champions
- Middle School Robotics: Solar Surfers won the AZ State 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Champions award. 10% of 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Grade participated in Robotics
- ASA's Mu Alpha Theta Chapter won 1<sup>st</sup> Place for Mu Alpha Theta 2019 Math Minutes Contest
- Women's Cross Country Team won 1<sup>st</sup> Place in Canyon Athletic Association Regionals. Men's Cross Country Team won 2<sup>nd</sup> Place in Division II State Tournament.

**Mission**

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



**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 2019		<b>Avg SAT: R/W 630 M 590</b>	

**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.

**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.

**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.