



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

Arts Evaluations & Placement

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 Monica Anthony, 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 - 8th Grade Students

Overview

All students will select 2 arts classes from choir, piano, and a special. Specials include dance, theatre, or an instrument. This selection is made on the application.

Choices for the additional arts class:

- Instrument choices:
 - Band: Flute, oboe, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, french horn, trombone, euphonium, tuba, percussion
 - 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 the beginning class.
- Dance
- Theatre (limited enrollment for 5th grade)

Placement Evaluation Information

- Piano- no audition required

- Choir
 - At the beginning of the school year, all new students will be evaluated 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 need an evaluation.
 - Students requesting a placement higher than a beginning level in instrument class MUST submit a video evaluation. 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 evaluation prior to the first day of school.
 - Please review the 5th Grade Dance Beginning Ballet Evaluation Information sheet below.
 - There is no recreational ballet or dance program.
- Theatre
 - No audition is required. Class size is limited.

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.
- Any student requesting a placement higher level in instrument class MUST submit a placement evaluation video. Instructions for the video submissions are available below for each instrument area.
- All high school dance students take only dance classes due to length of the class. This dance class will count as 2 credits.
- 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
 - Strings: violin, viola, cello, string bass
 - Guitar: ASA offers classical guitar instruction as part of its regular program. Spaces for beginners are limited. An electric guitar class is available as a fee based class.
- Dance
 - Students will be placed according to their skill level
 - Students interested in the Contemporary program, must first pass their ballet evaluation to be considered. A second assessment 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.

Placement Evaluation Information

- Piano
 - All students are evaluated during the first week of school for placement.
- Choir
 - All students are evaluated during the first week of school for placement.
- Instrument
 - Beginning students are not evaluated.
 - Students requesting a placement higher than a beginning level instrument class MUST submit a placement evaluation video. Instructions for the video submissions are below.
 - Students who cannot submit a placement evaluation video can request an in-person placement evaluation.
- Dance
 - Students must submit a placement evaluation video. Instructions for the video submissions are below.
 - There is no recreational ballet or dance program.

- Theatre
 - New students enrolling in 9th and 10th grade do not submit an evaluation for theatre if they do not have previous coursework.
 - 10th-12th grade students requesting a placement must submit previous coursework including a resume of work.

Arts Evaluation Information:

Below you will find evaluation instructions by department for placement in the arts program. At this time we are only accepting videos. Please follow the instructions below from the department and send your video via email to admissions@goasa.org

- [Band Department Evaluation Instructions](#)
- [Choir Department Evaluation Instructions](#)
- [Dance Department Evaluation Instructions](#)
- [Guitar Department Evaluation Instructions](#)
- [Piano Department Evaluation Instructions- High School Only](#)
- [Strings Department Evaluation Instructions](#)
- [Theatre Department Evaluation Instructions](#)

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