



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

## Arts FAQ

### How are students placed in arts classes?

- Students select their arts classes when they apply online. We cannot guarantee a student will receive their first choice.
- Students are placed in arts classes according to skill level, rather than grade level.
- New students interested in a higher placement than beginning take a placement evaluation (see arts evaluation and information pdf page).
- PLEASE NOTE: All students interested in dance must audition.
- All placements are made by the content area teacher.

### Does my student need a placement evaluation?

- All dance students must audition to determine readiness for the arts discipline.
- Students (5th - 12th) who want to be placed above beginning level in instrument (band, strings, guitar) must be evaluated.
- Students (10th-12th) who want to enroll in the theatre program must provide previous coursework.
- Students (10th-12th) with no arts experience or previous coursework can be placed in programs in music or theatre.
- All applicants can submit a video evaluation or in-person placement evaluation, please review the Arts Placement and Audition page

### Can students be a beginner in the arts?

- All students can be beginners in music (choral arts and instrument) or theatre. No audition required for these beginning students.
- Students entering 5th grade can be beginners in dance, however, they must be evaluated for program readiness in ballet.
- ASA does not offer a beginning dance program for students in 6th-12th grades.
- Students are placed in arts classes by skill level, not by grade.

### **What instruments are offered at ASA?**

- Band: Flute, oboe, clarinet, saxophone, percussion, brass instruments (trumpet, trombone, French horn, euphonium and tuba)
- Strings: violin, viola, cello & string bass
- Guitar: classical (nylon string) or electric guitar.

### **Does ASA provide instruments?**

- Instruments are rented by individual students through suggested vendors.
- ASA only provides the following music instruments for use at school: string bass, certain oversized percussion instruments, baritone saxophone, and tuba.
- Students bring their instruments to school daily and take them home for nightly practice.
- Rooms in which instruments are stored are locked or supervised during academic periods.

### **What type of dance program does ASA offer?**

- Students enrolled in the ASA dance program have ballet three days a week, modern one day, and one other dance special.
- Students in high school can be evaluated for placement in the Classical Core or Contemporary Core program. Details for these programs can be found on the ASA website.
- ASA offers classical ballet study employing the Vaganova method. ASA does not offer recreational ballet.

### **Can students change their arts classes during the semester?**

- All classes are year-long at ASA.

### **Why would my student take a 9th period class?**

- Some arts classes are only offered 9th period.