



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

Arts FAQ

How are students placed in arts classes?

- Students request 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 submit a placement evaluation no matter the level.
- All placements are made by the content area teacher.

Does my student need a placement evaluation?

- All dance students must submit a placement evaluation to determine readiness for the arts discipline.
- Students (5th - 12th) who want to be placed above the beginning level in instruments (band, strings, guitar, and piano) 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 placement evaluation, please review the Arts Placement and Evaluation page. An in-person evaluation can be arranged on a case-by-case basis with the department director at the bottom of the Evaluation form.

Can students be a beginner in the arts?

- All students can be beginners in music or theatre. No auditions are required for these beginning students.
- Students entering 5th-8th 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 9th-12th grades.
- Students are placed in arts classes by skill level, not by grade.

What instruments are offered at ASA?

- Band: flute, oboe, clarinet, bassoon, alto saxophone, tenor saxophone, baritone saxophone, trumpet, french horn, trombone, euphonium, tuba, percussion
- 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, Horton modern technique one day, and Flamenco.
- 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.
- Arts change requests can be submitted in April for the following year

Why would my student take a 9th period class?

- Some arts classes are only offered 9th period: Electric Guitar, Percussion Ensemble, Chamber Singers, and 9th-11th theatre classes.
- Students interested in taking 3 periods of arts classes will have a 9th period
- 9th period classes release at 4:20 pm