



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 dance. 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 ([anthony@goasa.org](mailto:anthony@goasa.org)).

Upon acceptance, new students will receive their arts classes by mid-May. All arts classes are assigned for new students based upon the order of receipt of their arts request and their evaluation results. All arts classes at ASA are limited by class size.

### Arts Program Information Videos:

[Band](#)

[Choir](#)

[Dance](#)

[Guitar](#)

[Piano](#)

[Strings](#)

[Theatre](#)

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### 5th - 8th Grade Students

#### Overview

All middle school students have the option to choose a music fundamental class (piano or choir) in conjunction with a special (dance, theatre, or an instrument). This selection is made on the application.

Select from the following:

- Choir + Special
- Piano + Special
- Piano + Choir
- Piano + Choir + Special (limited space available, extended school day, and fee for the extra arts class)

Choices for Specials:

- Music Instrument choices:
  - Band: flute, oboe, clarinet, bassoon, alto saxophone, tenor saxophone, baritone saxophone, trumpet, french horn, trombone, euphonium, tuba, percussion
  - Strings: violin, viola, cello, string bass
  - Nylon String Classical Guitar (limited enrollment)
    - An electric guitar class is available to 7th and 8th grade as a fee-based class.
- Dance (limited enrollment)
- Theatre (limited enrollment)

### **Placement Evaluation Information**

- Piano
  - Beginning students do not need an evaluation. Class size is limited.
  - 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.
- 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 by the choral 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
  - All incoming dance students must participate in the evaluation process for placement regardless of level

- Review the evaluation information linked below for further information about in-person and video options
    - There is no recreational ballet or dance program.
  - Theatre
    - No audition is required. Class size is limited.
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## 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 the 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 in 9th Grade Theatre Studies, and 10th-11th Music Theatre and Theatre Performance will have a 9th period required theatre class that releases at 4:20pm
- Students that wish to be in music and theatre will have 3 arts classes. 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, alto saxophone, tenor saxophone, baritone 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
  - High School Dance Students can select the Classical Ballet Track or Contemporary Track
  - 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 a 9th hour class will be provided a study hall at no extra charge or have the opportunity to take a music class for an additional fee.

### **Placement Evaluation Information**

- Piano
  - Beginning students do not need an evaluation. Class size is limited.
  - 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.
- 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
  - All incoming dance students must participate in the evaluation process for placement regardless of level
  - Review the evaluation information linked below for further information about in-person and video options. There is no recreational ballet or dance program.
- Theatre
  - New students enrolling in 9th 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 and intent for the program.

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**Arts Evaluation Information:**

Below you will find evaluation instructions by the department for placement in the arts program.

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

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