

# Fine Arts



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Participation in Fine Arts Gold Seal Programs of Choice provides students with the opportunity to grow artistically in Dance, Mariachi, or Music & Sound Design. Instructors guide and nurture students through their discipline. Students learn to think creatively and express themselves in ways that build strength and endurance and also have beneficial effects on the brain. Performing in front of an audience increases self-confidence and gives students a sense of success. Participation in any of these three programs builds knowledge and skills that will help students navigate and enjoy life far beyond high school.

# Program Descriptions



## Arlington Heights High School Dance

- » Students interested in Concert Dance (ballet, modern, jazz, etc.) receive unparalleled, high-quality dance training through individualized instruction focused on technique, choreography, and dance production.
- » The Arlington Heights Dance Program, now in its 25<sup>th</sup> year, also has a pre-professional level dance company recognized as an exceptional youth company throughout the country.
- » Students work with dance professionals, college professors, and master teachers. Through their annual college fair, AHHS students have the opportunity for onsite acceptance into college programs.
- » The dance program and pre-professional company has performed at National and Regional High School Dance Festival.
- » Dancers have gone on to pursue a dance major at University of the Arts, The University of Texas, Texas Christian University, Texas A&M, Dean College, Columbia College Chicago, and LIU Brooklyn among others.

**Audition required. Scheduled by campus.**



## North Side High School Mariachi

Mariachi, which originated in western Mexico, is a style of music and/or musical group with distinctive instrumentation, singing and performing styles, and clothing.

The North Side HS Mariachi wins awards at the state and national level. Students build on their instrumental and vocal technique skills performing in various types of ensembles, which prepares them for college auditions, as well as a professional career in mariachi.

- » Students learn to play multiple instruments and perform in a variety of ensembles.
- » A new state-of-the-art rehearsal hall includes a recording studio.
- » The program is the home of the premiere performance group, Mariachi Espuelas de Plata, which consistently wins state and national awards and has performed in prestigious venues, including Carnegie Hall in New York City.
- » Recent program awards include Division I at the TAME State Mariachi Finals, Division I at the Texas State UIL Mariachi Festival and Best in Class FWISD Mariachi Extravaganza.
- » Special focus is placed on building the confidence and support needed for university applications and scholarship auditions.



## Southwest High School Music & Sound Design

Students spend time in the lab and studio creating, recording, and performing original music (pop, rock, hip-hop, etc.) using technology and their principle and/or electronic instruments. The process of songwriting, recording, mixing, and production provides students the material to develop a digital portfolio of professional quality music productions. This opportunity is open to non-traditional music students eager to learn to use technology in an authentic, self-directed musical experience.

- » Students learn the internationally recognized music technology program by Ableton Push Initiative industry. This sponsorship is exclusive to North Texas.
- » Student performances demonstrate music technology at the national NAFME Conference.
- » Students perform annually at Arts Goggle, Fort Worth's premiere festival of local artists and musicians.
- » Student recording artists "YSK" were signed to an independent distribution deal with Smith Music Group.