



SAN FRANCISCO
HIGH SCHOOL
OF THE ARTS

STRIVING FOR EXCELLENCE
IN ACADEMICS AND THE ARTS

Serving Grades 6-12



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Excellence

At HSArts, we strive for excellence in both academics and the arts, building strong foundations for students to succeed in life. Our graduates consistently go on to attend top universities!



*“To develop a complete mind:
Study the science of art;
Study the art of science...”*

*- Leonardo da Vinci,
renowned artist,
inventor, and architect.*



WHY HSARTS?

- **Academic and Artistic Excellence:**
A balanced curriculum that nurtures both intellectual growth and creative talent.
- **Personalized Learning:**
Small class sizes provide individual attention and a tailored educational experience.
- **Top University Pathways:**
Our graduates consistently secure admission to prestigious universities.
- **Supportive Community:**
A positive environment rooted in universal values, where students thrive.
- **Real-World Preparation:**
Strong foundations in academics and the arts equip students for success in all aspects of life.



Dedication

PERFORMING AND VISUAL ARTS

Top notch artist teachers will guide students in pre-professional training. Discover your artistic passion through fundamental skills development and individual creative expression. Our students develop necessary skills essential for professional accomplishment in any arts-related field.

Words from the Artistic Director, Mr Dongsheng Wei:



"At HSArts, technique serves the beauty and spirit of the arts. We focus on cultivating strong artistry nurturing dancers who embody the essence and culture of the arts, with an emphasis on aesthetics over pure technique."

Mr. Wei is an internationally acclaimed dancer and dance teacher. He served as the principal dancer for the Atlanta Ballet for 14 years and has over 30 years of teaching experience. His students have consistently earned recognition at prestigious competitions such as YAGP, Prix de Lausanne, World Ballet Competition, and more.

DANCE CONSERVATORY

The Dance Conservatory is a pre-professional dance program where students train in Classical Ballet and Classical Chinese Dance. With an emphasis on building strong foundational technique, students will apply their fundamentals to pointe and character classes, ethnic and folk dance, and repertoire and variations, culminating in performances and competitions throughout the year.



CLASSICAL BALLET

is rooted in the Vaganova method. The training focuses on barre and centre, pointe, variations, and character dances, with jazz and ethnic dance styles to complement. Dancers develop poise, grace, strength, and technique under the expert guidance of Mr. Wei.

CLASSICAL CHINESE DANCE

is a comprehensive dance form rooted in China's cultural heritage. Systematic training in fundamentals, flexibility, technical skills, folk and ethnic dance, and the unique element of bearing allowing dancers to fully demonstrate their artistry. Elegant costumes, exciting props, and energetic music embellish the artistic expression of Chinese dance.



Passion

MUSIC CONSERVATORY

The Music Conservatory is rooted in classical music and offers high-level private and ensemble lessons. Students specialize in either instruments or voice. Supplementary music courses, including music theory, composition, production, history, and concert band, provide a comprehensive music education, allowing our students to grow into musicians with creativity and artistry.

Musical Theatre is offered within the Music Conservatory. The program focuses on singing, music, dance, and acting, culminating in one or two major productions each year. Past productions have included The Phantom Tollbooth Jr., You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown, and Ebenezer's Christmas Carol.



VISUAL ARTS



HSArts students master core skills in traditional drawing and painting while also having the opportunity to explore digital painting, filmmaking, costume design and animation. **As one of the few Art Renewal Center (ARC) approved high schools in the world**, we offer a unique and comprehensive arts education. Exhibition and competition opportunities are available to students throughout the year.



Diligence

ACADEMICS

Our Academic programs are rigorous, comprehensive and engaging. Through an integrated curriculum in the humanities and STEM, students are grouped by level and merit, with accelerated tracks designed for motivated students. Subject-expert faculty provide individualized instruction and support, allowing students to follow personalized pathways that highlight their interests.

At HSArts, students are challenged to achieve academic excellence.

HIGHLIGHTS

- HSArts college preparatory academic curriculum has earned the AP School Honor Roll Platinum distinction, an honor awarded to only 6% of eligible schools in the U.S. and Canada
- 20 high school honors-level and 19 Advanced Placement courses
- Accelerated math track for highly-motivated students
- Innovative Integrated STEM curriculum
- Highly-credentialed, dedicated, and experienced faculty support student success



STEM PATHWAY

The STEM Pathway features a robust math and data science-based curriculum. HSArts' innovative integrated science and math program includes computer and data science across all subjects, including chemistry, biology, physical science, and physics. Students will model, simulate, and analyze real-world problems using the latest modern technology. Highly motivated and qualified students can pursue advanced coursework and graduate with STEM honors.

- **The Accelerated Math Program** is designed for students with a strong interest in math, offering a challenging curriculum that encourages them to explore complex concepts at a faster pace. This pathway provides access to advanced coursework, preparing students for higher-level math studies and careers requiring strong analytical skills.
- **The Computer Science Program** teaches students core programming languages, including HTML, JavaScript, CSS, Python, and R.



Culture

HUMANITIES PATHWAY

The Humanities Pathway at HSArts immerses students in traditional liberal arts, combining the study of history with diverse literary works, from Greek and Chinese classics to Shakespeare. Students explore politics, culture, and the roles of men and women throughout history while honing their grammar, logic, and rhetoric skills.

This pathway broadens knowledge, enhances critical thinking and communication, and offers the opportunity to pursue advanced coursework in English and history, with the potential to graduate with Humanities Honors. Students develop a global perspective, a strong ethical foundation, and effective communication skills.



CHINESE LANGUAGE PROGRAM has seven year consecutive Chinese courses, and students learn Chinese based on their level of language mastery. No prerequisites are required.

COLLEGE COUNSELING

COLLEGE COUNSELING program is designed to help each student gain deeper self-awareness of their individual strengths and challenges, and identify the career path and college choice that is right for them. From 8th grade through senior year, advisors closely guide each student in preparation for college and the application process.

Experienced team of teachers and counselors guide students in developing resumes and artistic portfolios, prepare students for practice interviews and auditions, and provide insightful guidance throughout the college admissions process. Students will be confident, well-equipped, and ready for the next critical steps in their education and career.

Graduates of HSArts have gone on to attend top universities across the country, pursuing the arts or the major of their choice. Below are some of the universities to which our alumni have been accepted:

- ArtCenter College of Design
- American University
- Baylor University
- Boston University
- Fordham University
- George Washington University
- Lawrence University Conservatory of Music
- Loyola Marymount University
- Maryland Institute College of Arts (MICA)
- New York University
- Oberlin College and Conservatory
- Parsons School of Design
- Pepperdine University
- Pratt Institute
- Purdue University
- Rhode Island School of Design (RISD)
- Rochester Institute of Technology
- Rutgers University
- Santa Clara University
- School of Art Institute of Chicago (SAIC)
- University of British Columbia
- University of California, Berkeley
- University of California, Davis
- University of California, Irvine
- University of California, Los Angeles
- University of California, Santa Cruz
- University of California, San Diego
- University of California, Santa Barbara
- University of Colorado Boulder
- University of Illinois - Urbana Champaign
- University of Miami -Frost School of Music
- University of Michigan in Ann Arbor
- University of North Carolina at Greensboro - School of Music
- University of North Texas - School of Music
- University of Portland
- University of Southern California
- University of the Pacific
- University of Wisconsin-Madison

Community

STUDENT LIFE AT HSARTS



STUDENT LIFE is essential at HSArts, with various extracurriculars promoting community and wellness. Through clubs and activities, students balance social lives, academics, and arts training. Our students volunteer actively, graduating with at least 80 community service hours. Leadership opportunities include the Student Council and National Honor Society, and we offer student-led clubs like yearbook, cooking, games, badminton, basketball, and art.

EXPANDING GLOBAL HORIZONS



At HSArts, our commitment to global education takes students beyond our campus. Each year, HSArts students travel to **Taiwan**, where they live in dorms, make lifelong friends, and engage in academic and creative activities, including performances and exhibitions. This program, along with growing visits from schools from different countries, strengthens our international connections and enriches student life.



Discover

HSAarts AT A GLANCE



Class Size



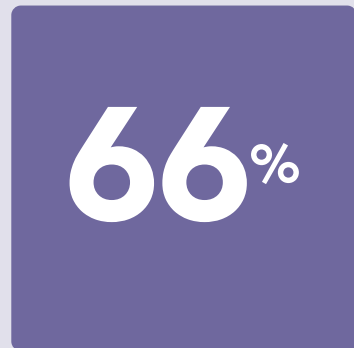
Honors and AP Classes



Families Enrolled in Flexible Tuition Program



Graduation Rate



Identify as Student of Color



Accepted by Top 100 US Universities

*as identified by US News World Report

ADMISSIONS CHECKLIST

- Submit Inquiry Form online at HSArts.org or email Admissions@HSArts.org.
- Schedule a private tour online at HSArts.org or email Admissions@HSArts.org.
- Submit an Application online:
 - Priority deadline: Mid-December (\$50)
 - Final deadline: Mid-January (\$100)
- Submit an artistic portfolio online by the end of January.
- Request academic recommendations and transcripts from counselor or teacher by the end of January.
- Complete an admissions interview with the HSArts Admissions Committee.

Optional

Submit supplementary artistic recommendations from Arts teachers (dance, music, visual arts) by the end of January.



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Visit us at
HSArts.org/admissions
for more information or to
register for events.

OUR MISSION

The mission of San Francisco High School of the Arts is to provide students with an exceptional education in traditional arts and academics, while focusing on character development. The curriculum nurtures in students universal values and a sense of civic duty so they may positively contribute to the world.



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