




Academy for Performing and Visual Arts at Davis Middle School

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 **Rockdale County
Public Schools**
RCPS
Specialty & Choice Options



Program Overview

General Ray Davis Middle School, in support of the Rockdale County Public Schools vision to offer expanded learning options, offers a rigorous fine arts program specifically targeting the performing and visual arts. The goal of the Academy for Performing and Visual Arts is to explore and develop artistic talents within young students by making the arts part of each student's core learning experience. The program offers:

- Discrete arts instruction in **dance, theater, vocals, band, strings, keyboard, film, photography, and visual arts;**
 - Integration of arts across other content areas: math, science, language arts, social studies.
- The Academy prepares students for the next level of performing and/or visual arts education while maintaining high academic achievement.



Components for Student Success

Parent involvement is essential for supporting school, class, and student projects, as well as connecting fine arts between school and home.

DMS Mission Statement



The Mission of General Ray Davis Middle School, an academy dedicated to patriotism, service and integrity, is to inspire, empower, and equip all individuals to recognize and reach their unique potential by:

- Demanding excellence;
- Providing a safe and orderly environment;
- Respecting each person's individuality;
- Celebrating the strength of diversity in our global society;
- Instilling pride in self, school and community;
- Utilizing the talents and gifts of every stakeholder;
- Challenging students to lead socially useful and purposeful lives;
- Encouraging all who enter our halls to take ownership in our mission...The Davis Way!

Photos feature choral performance at Governor's mansion, 2014 theater production of Seussical, award-winning band and studio artists at work

Application, Eligibility, and Artistic Review

RCPS will use an electronic application process for 2016-17 School Choice programs. **No paper applications will be accepted.** Students may apply for one School Choice program only for the 2016-17 school year.

The application window is December 1 - 18, 2015. The online application will be available on the district website at: www.rockdale.k12.ga.us

The Student Registration Office at 1143 West Avenue will provide assistance to access the online application if needed, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., on a first come, first served basis. Only complete applications will be accepted.

Eligibility Criteria

- Students must meet standards in ELA, Reading, Math, Science, and Social Studies on the Milestones assessment.
- Students must meet the student registration requirement for Rockdale County Public Schools.
- Students and parents must agree to the Choice contract.

Audition/Artistic Review

Eligible applicants must complete the audition/artistic review process for final selection. Students will be notified of audition/artistic review dates and requirements.



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A Message from the Principal



We are excited to expand the Academy for Performing and Visual Arts at Davis Middle School. This program offers our talented fine arts students and teachers a unique opportunity to achieve excellence in education through a passion for the fine arts.

Our faculty and students continue to work hard, and our assessment scores demonstrate the success of hard work. For the third consecutive year, Davis has been named a Title I Reward School. This honor is given to Title I schools with achievement scores in the top 5% in the state. The quality of our established arts program speaks for itself as students discover and grow their talents and receive state and national recognitions year after year. DMS was the first middle school in the state to earn the status of Green Ribbon School. Our athletic program continues to be competitive in every sport. We offer many opportunities for academic, artistic, and athletic involvement after school. We encourage all of our students to get involved and show their school pride.

I grew up here, and I am proud to be a product of Rockdale County Public Schools. I attended Barksdale Elementary, Edwards Middle, and Heritage High schools. It is important to me that our Davis students share this same sense of pride in their education.

Davis is such a special place. We will continue to work hard and enjoy new and greater accomplishments in the future. We all have a choice to either make things happen, watch things happen, or wonder what happened. My hope is that as a community we can be part of the group that makes things happen by working together, putting plans into action, learning from mistakes, and making changes for a better future! We are Davis!

Sincerely,

Mike Mauriello, Ed.S.

General Ray Davis - USMC



Our school is named for a great hero and resident of Rockdale County, Medal of Honor winner General Ray Davis. He earned this medal and many other recognitions for exemplary service to our country. He was one of 94 men — three Georgians — to earn the Medal of Honor in the Korean War. His awards also included the Navy Cross, the nation's second highest decoration for bravery, two Silver Stars, and the Bronze Star with Combat "V" for valor. He became one of the most decorated veterans in U.S. History. We are proud to be named for such a great person!

Extracurricular Activities

Band	Dance Team	Reading Bowl
Chorus	Football	Math Team
Drama	Basketball	Chess Club
Art	Wrestling	Mentoring Club
Dance	Track	School Council
Softball	Robotics	4-H
Cheerleading		

Additional Academic Services

Program Challenge	Academic Tutorial & Acceleration
Foreign Languages	National Junior Honor's Society

Recent DMS Accolades

Title I Reward School 2012, 2013, 2014 (Top 5% in Achievement)

Green Ribbon School Recognition 2012-13, 2013-14

DMS Chorus

Georgia Music Educators Association Exemplary Performance Award 2012-13 (Only middle school recipient in the state)

DMS Band

Student participants in:

District Honor Band and All State Middle School Band

DMS Art

Georgia Art Educators Association Youth Arts Month

Georgia Flag Design 2014 - Semifinalists

Capital Art Exhibit 2014, 2013, 2012

State School Board Youth Art Gallery Participant 2013-14
(One of 13 artworks selected in the state)

Dream Art Contest 2013, 2012 - State Runner-Up

Clean Air Campaign Art Contest 2013 - (State level winners) 1st Place, 3rd Place, Honorable Mention

Istanbul Art and Essay Contest 2013 - (State level winners) 2nd Place, 6th Place

Istanbul Art and Essay Contest 2012 - 3rd Place State, 2nd Place Southeast

Jimmy Carter Postcard Design Contest 2012, 2011, 2010 - 1st Place State

Disney Planet Challenge 2012 State Winner, National Finalist (top ten)

Disney Planet Challenge 2011 State Finalist

