



Academy for Performing and Visual Arts at HERITAGE HIGH SCHOOL

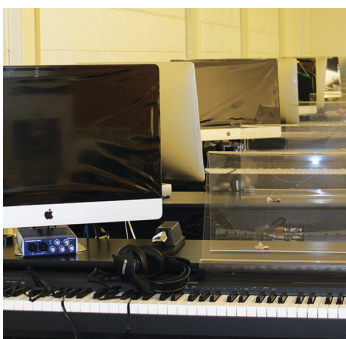
**Rockdale County
Public Schools**
RCPS
Specialty & Choice Options

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Program Overview

The Academy for Performing and Visual Arts at Heritage High School was founded in 2014 for students with exceptional talent in the arts. Its goal is to develop and nurture talented young artists for successful vocations, avocations and advocacy in the arts through extensive training programs and classes in dance, drama or technical theatre, instrumental music, visual arts, and vocal music while maintaining high academic achievement. The Academy for Performing and Visual Arts faculty views academics and the arts as equally important and is committed to developing lifelong learners and arts advocates.



Mac lab (above) and dance studio (below) were added in 2014

Components for Student Success

Each accepted student is enrolled in a major –

- Vocal Music
- Instrumental Music
- Dance
- Visual Arts
- Theatre
 - Acting
 - Musical Theatre
 - Technical Theatre

Students study in their major concentration area for two class periods each semester. They are expected to remain in the program every semester of their high school careers. Students are actively involved in extracurricular performances and are given the opportunity to work with top professionals in the arts from the Atlanta area and throughout the United States.



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 the student registration requirements for Rockdale County Public Schools.
- Students who change schools after day one of their 9th grade year may not be eligible for varsity sports, literary competitions or One Act Play. All GHSA eligibility rules apply for all programs.
- 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.

*Scene from the
musical theatre
production
Chicago*



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A Message from the Principal

*We have a tradition of fine arts
excellence at Heritage...*

In the spring of 1977, Helen Thompson Wojcik directed the "Backstreet Players" of Heritage High School in a series of scenes that wowed audiences. From that very first theatre performance, the performing arts at Heritage has had something special that sparks audiences and heightens the energy of the performers.

The band was led from the beginning by remarkable maestros who had a passion for excellence and student achievement. In its 38-year history, the Heritage band has had only five directors—each contributed to the legacy of musical excellence illustrated by the hundreds of trophies on display in the band room. These trophies stand for all the passion and expertise of the musicians that have come before—the material display of the determined pride of students that calls the next generation of band members to continue the tradition of excellence. The Heritage Band also earns superior ratings in all ensembles of the program. Students are exposed daily to various genres and styles. The band program also has a dynamic jazz band that continues to grow and excel.

The visual arts program at Heritage has enjoyed prestigious awards and grants from several sources from the public and private sectors. Heritage arts students have been awarded numerous college scholarships through their artistic talent.

Since the school opened in 1976, the choral department has seen hundreds of students stretch their musical ability by auditioning for and attending All State Chorus in Savannah. Choirs from Heritage support community celebrations and senior citizen gatherings throughout the county.

The drama and musical theatre department of Heritage has garnered awards and recognition from many including the Georgia High School Association and the International Thespian Society. Students of performing arts and technical theatre have been awarded hundreds of thousands of dollars in college and conservatory scholarships throughout the decades.

With the opening of the Academy came the addition of a dance program that has already earned statewide recognition and whose students have been awarded scholarships. Our dance studio offers young dancers a state-of-the-art environment to develop their technique and prepare their audition repertoires. As we enter our second year, we have added a piano program to our course offering. Students can now take piano as part of their study while enrolled in The Academy for Performing and Visual Arts at Heritage. We are thrilled to make this important addition available to our students as we expand their understanding of music and music technology.

Currently, our fine arts faculty is a unique blend of experience, expertise, and educational accomplishment. Not only does Heritage fine arts include Music, Drama, and Art, it also, as of 2014, has a world class dance studio with a renowned dance teacher further propelling the students to new levels in the arts. A state-of-the-art Mac lab with software programs used in design, film, and music industries was also added in 2014. We are poised to impact and influence the future of Heritage fine arts students as they are equipped for success in the arts industry.

Greg Fowler



*HHS
Chamber
Singers
at a
community
performance*



*HHS Marching
Band with Flag and
Dance Team perform
award-winning
halftime show*



*Visual artists'
studio work*



*HHS Ballet
Performance*

Activities

Musical and Technical Theatre

One Act
Improv Empire
Fall Play
Fall Musical
Cabaret
October Tales of Terror
Winter Musical
Spring Play
Spring Musical
Great Playwright Series
Individual Showcase
Friday Night Live
Theatre for Social Change
Summer Children's Theatre

Drama

Great Playwright Series
Improvisational Theatre
Theater for Social Change

Dance

Winter Concert
Spring Concert

Instrumental Music

Marching Band
Symphonic Band
Jazz Band
Concert Bands
District Honor Band
All State Band

Vocal Music

All State Chorus
Chamber Singers
District Honor Chorus
Governors Honors
Ladies' Trio
Literary Competition
Large Group Performance
Evaluation
Men's Quartet
Spring Sing Pop Concert
Spring Talent Show
University of Georgia Choral Day

Visual Arts

Ceramics
Drawing
Painting
Graphics
Photography
National Art Honor Society
Youth Art Month
NAHS Conference
Museum/Gallery Tours
Student Art Shows

