



Academy for the Fine Arts

The Academy for the Fine Arts (AFA) at Governor Thomas Johnson High School offers Frederick County high school students in grades 10 -12, with an interest in the arts, the opportunity to take exceptional classes in:

Vocal Music Instrumental Music Dance
Drawing and Painting Sculpture/Ceramics
Photography Computer Graphics Theatre



AFA courses are only offered at Governor Thomas Johnson High School during the first two instructional blocks daily. Any student planning to enroll in the AFA at Governor Thomas Johnson High School may remain enrolled at his/her home school for academic courses or may apply for Out of District to attend GTJHS.

Experiential learning through the arts...

AFA students form a community of artists that both collaborate and hone their individual artistic skills through unique enrichment experiences such as:

Small group instruction Masterclasses with professionals Trips to view professional works
Performances Student directed learning Community internships
College visits Rigorous coursework AP and Dual Enrollment

AFA students are prepared to enter any post-secondary experience and receive one-on-one guidance from highly qualified instructors along the way.

“I really loved the community that it created and I loved that I was ahead of most of my freshman class.”

“I especially enjoyed the opportunity to learn from fellow students.”

“The opportunity to perform with other students of a high caliber is a great benefit; being able to learn with students from all over the county is beneficial as well.”

Choose a path that fits your schedule:

The AFA can be customized as a one, two, or three year program. Students decide when to audition for the Academy based on their specific scheduling needs. Each track contains a different set of experiences.

	Dance	Music	Theater	Visual Arts
1 Year	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dance Technique and Composition Dance History and Criticism Dance Kinesiology/ Anatomy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dual Enrollment Music Theory I and Aural Skills Basic Piano Music History 1 Intro to Music Technology Advanced Music Studies 1 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Theatrical Literacy, History and Criticism 1 Writing for Stage and Film Methods and techniques 1 Voice and Movement 1 Theatre Business 1 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Journeys Through Art Styles or AP Art History 1 AP Studio Art 1 Visual Art Thesis 1 Advanced study in concentration (2D, 3D, Photo, Sculpture, Ceramics, Computer Graphics)
2 Years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dance Technique and Composition 2 Dance History and Criticism 2 Dance College and Career Readiness 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> AP Music Theory II Advanced Music Technology Music History 2 Advanced Piano Advanced Music Studies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Theatrical Literacy, History and Criticism 2 Writing for Stage and Film 2 Methods and Techniques 2 Voice and Movement 2 Theatre Business 2 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> AP Art History 1 or AP Art History 2 AP Studio Art 2 Visual Art Thesis 2 Advanced study in concentration
3 Years	<p>Theories and Practices in Content: A seminar course that explores contemporary issues in the arts as well as final projects in selected disciplines.</p> <p>Internship: Students explore career opportunities that they may consider studying in a post-secondary setting. Students are placed for one semester with professional mentors to explore the responsibilities, benefits, advantages, and disadvantages of a career choice.</p> <p>Academy Capstone Project: may be connected to the mentor/internship; a research project; a career-related project; an arts, media or information resource design portfolio; the preparation and performance at a competition/festival/exhibition; or leadership of a school/community initiative. Students present their project to a panel of community professionals and the entire AFA at the end of the year.</p>			
<p>AFA Scholarship</p> <p>Each year, the AFA awards four seniors a scholarship to the institution of their choice.</p>				

Visit us!

Interested students are encouraged to register for a Shadow Day. During a Shadow Day, students will visit during regular school hours, take a tour of the AFA, sit in on a class, and have the opportunity to ask questions of AFA students and staff.

Register online to visit us!

Wednesday September 25th
 Wednesday October 16th
 Tuesday November 13th
 Wednesday December 18th
 Wednesday January 15th
 Wednesday February 12th

Wednesday April 15th (Middle School Only)



Apply online by Fri Jan 24th!

Students in grades 9-11 are eligible to audition for the AFA on the following dates. After completing our online application, students will be asked to schedule their audition on either of the following dates:

Saturday February 15th
 Saturday February 22nd

For audition requirements, please visit our website.

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