Arts Magnets & Academies in Virginia’s Large Public School Districts
Virginia Department of Education Website

Fine Arts

“Knowledge and skills that students acquire through instruction in the fine arts include the abilities to think critically, solve problems creatively, make informed judgments, work cooperatively within groups, appreciate different cultures, imagine and create.”

By VDOE’s definition this is WHY we teach the arts:

Critical Thinking
Creative Problem Solving
Making Informed Judgments
Working Cooperatively
Appreciating different cultures
Imagine
Create
## Loudoun in comparison to Virginia's other large school districts

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### By the numbers:

- **627,919** Total number of students in Virginia’s top 9 districts
- **554,525** Number of VA students with access to arts magnets or academies
- **73,394** Total number of students in Loudoun County, the only large school district in the state without arts magnets or an academy.

Of the top 9 VA school districts, 88% of students have access to advanced arts magnets or academies.

Loudoun represents Virginia’s BOTTOM 12% in terms of access to arts magnets or academies.

Of the school districts in Virginia with 30,000 or more students, Loudoun is the ONLY ONE that does not offer arts magnets or academies to its advanced arts and humanities students.
Fairfax County

Fairfax has 6 high schools that have academies within the campuses, similar to Loudoun’s AOS at Dominion HS.

Chantilly Academy
Edison Academy
Fairfax Academy
Falls Church Academy
Marshall Academy
West Potomac Academy

Students attend these schools part time (A or B day) for specialty training, and return to their home schools for regular academic courses. Programs at these schools offer a very WIDE variety of specialty subjects, such as Aerospace Science, Chinese, Fashion Design, and many more.
Fairfax County’s arts academy is the Fairfax Academy for Communication and the Arts, and is housed at Fairfax High School.

Offered to Fairfax County public school juniors and seniors

**Courses Offered:**
- Dance
- Music
- Acting
- Musical Theatre
- Chinese
- Photography
- Television Production
- Fashion Design
- Korean
- Computer Technology

*Fairfax offers drama as a regular middle school elective.
*It even has two elementary school arts magnet schools: Hunters Woods and Baileys
Bailey’s Elementary School for the Arts & Sciences (FX)

Spanish immersion in math and science

Arts program including dance, creative movement, drama

The magnet program was established in 1991 to attract students outside of Bailey’s neighborhood, after Bailey's PTA, threatened to sue the school board to redraw the school boundaries to bring academic, language, and cultural diversity to a school with a high percentage (87% in 1991) of non-native English speakers.

It has since earned a national reputation for diversity and excellence in education.
Prince William County

All of the high schools are Center Schools for particular areas of study, or have specialty programs. (see attachment)

**Woodbridge HS is home to the Center for Fine and Performing Arts**
(Will be housed at the new PW 12th HS beginning 2016)

Grades: 9-12. Students attend full time.

Areas of Study for the performing arts center:
- dance
- instrumental music
- vocal music
- music technology
- theater
- creative writing
- visual arts

Brochure on all of Prince Williams Specialty Programs can be found on this webpage: http://specialtyprograms.departments.pwcs.edu
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<td>STEM – science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. Opportunities to take Advanced Placement courses or to complete certain International Baccalaureate Programme or Cambridge Programme courses. Opportunities to earn Dual Enrollment College Credits through George Mason University.</td>
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The Governor’s School for the Arts

Available to public school students in the following school districts:
   Chesapeake
   Franklin
   Norfolk
   Portsmouth
   Isle of Wight
   Southampton
   Suffolk
   Virginia Beach

From GSA’s Website:
“During the administration of Governor Charles Robb, (1982-1986), Governor’s Schools were established to bring together exceptionally talented and motivated students, and provide them with opportunities to study in a concentrated and intensive environment. Louise Lowenthal, a Virginia Beach art teacher, spearheaded the development of the first Governor’s School for the Arts during the summers of 1985 and 1986, when a six-week pilot program for the school took place on the campus of Old Dominion University. The emphasis of Governor’s Schools was placed on high expectations and innovative curriculum. The school became a full time program in 1987.”
The Governor’s School for the Arts

Conservatory arts training done in addition to their own high school academics. Students are bussed to GSA for a portion of their day, then return to their home schools.

Grades 9-12
By audition

Programs:
- Dance
- Instrumental Music
- Musical Theatre
- Theatre & Film
- Production Design
- Visual Arts
- Vocal Music
Chesterfield County

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Thomas Dale HS Specialty Center for the Arts

Available to grades 9-12

(See Attachment Brochure)
http://specialtycenterforthevisualandperformingarts.yolasite.com/areas-of-study.php

6 Areas of Study in the visual and performing arts specialty school:
Dance
Theatre Arts
Music/Voice
Music/Band
Music/Orchestra
Visual Arts
Henrico County

Offers Specialty Centers in ALL of their high schools and three of their middle schools.  
(Shown on next page)

The Henrico County Center for the Arts is housed at Henrico High School.  
(See program of study on subsequent page)

Eligibility: Rising ninth-graders may apply to the specialty center of their choice. Each specialty center has specific requirements and testing as part of the admissions process. If accepted, Henrico becomes the student’s home school for their specialty as well as full time academics.

From Henrico School’s website:
“Attending a specialty center is an opportunity to concentrate on a specialized interest while completing a rigorous college-preparatory program.”

The Henrico County Specialty Center Schools brochure can be found at this link:  
http://www.henrico.k12.va.us/Pdf/Instruction/SpecialtyCenterBrochure.pdf
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<td>Advance College Academy Social Sciences</td>
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<td>Center for the Arts</td>
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<td>Center for the Humanities</td>
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### Henrico CFA

**Curriculum**

#### Theatre
- Acting techniques
- Script analysis
- Creative writing
- Audition preparation
- Theatre history
- Movement/Dance
- Speech, diction, voice
- Improvisation
- Directing
- Technical theatre

#### Visual Arts
- Design/Composition
- Drawing
- Painting
- Sculpture
- Art history/Aesthetics
- Electronic Media
- Printmaking
- Crafts
- Electronic Media
- Integrated Arts

#### Dance
- Ballet technique
- Modern/Jazz
- Tap
- African/Latin
- Kinesiology
- Choreography
- Improvisation
- Dance History
- Audition preparation

#### Musical Theatre
- Vocal training
- Acting techniques
- Dance techniques
- Improvisation
- Music Theory
- Music/Theatre/Dance History
- Diction, speech
- Choreography
- Audition Preparation
Magnet programs offered at the elementary, middle, and HS levels.

“Newport News Public Schools offers elementary, middle and high school students the chance to focus in such areas as environmental science, communication and performing arts, aviation, global studies, and math, science, technology and engineering through a variety of magnet and specialty program options.”

The Arts and Communications magnet is housed at Woodside HS.

The arts magnet program areas of study:
- music
- visual arts
- dance
- drama
- creative writing

Communications:
- journalism
- public relations
- broadcasting

Students apply as rising 9th graders and the attend the school full time

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