

# Tuscaloosa Fine Arts Academy at Paul W. Bryant High School

**Enrollment Guidelines:** Students Must Reside Within Tuscaloosa City Schools Zones.

## A. School Overview

The Tuscaloosa Fine Arts Academy, housed at Paul W. Bryant High School, provides a four year program of study for students considering college and career pathways in the fine arts. Certified specialists in Dance, Music, Theatre, and Visual Arts provide hands-on guidance for students to achieve excellence and literacy in their chosen craft through performance, production, and presentation. Community artists, arts professionals, and arts organizations reinforce and augment the experiences provided by the certified specialists.

Students accepted into the Tuscaloosa Fine Arts Academy will work within a 4-year plan leading to a diploma in a Fine Arts Major with Distinction. These paths of study include Two and Three - Dimensional Art and Digital Media, Theatre, Dance, Vocal and Instrumental Music, and Music Industry.

## B. Admission Policy

Students residing in any Tuscaloosa City School zone are eligible to apply for enrollment in the School of the Arts in grades 9 - 12. See eligibility, application and selection process below.

## C. Student Eligibility

1. Incoming 9th - 12th grade students living within Tuscaloosa City School zones can apply for acceptance for Tuscaloosa Fine Arts Academy by completing:
  - 1.1 TCS Specialty Schools Application
  - 1.2 Audition and placement process
2. Home school or private school students who live in Tuscaloosa City School zones but are not currently attending a Tuscaloosa City School are eligible to apply under guidelines 1.1, 1.2, and 1.3 above; however, verification of residence must be provided at time of acceptance to the attendance office at the Tuscaloosa City Board of Education, including:
  - Proof of residence within Tuscaloosa City Schools attendance zone
  - Current report card
3. Students attending PWBHS are eligible to enroll in any fine arts elective regardless of their acceptance to the Tuscaloosa Fine Arts Academy.
4. 8<sup>th</sup> grade students currently attending TASPAA will complete an opt-out form regarding their decision to NOT attend the Tuscaloosa Fine Arts Academy (TFAA) housed at Paul W. Bryant High School for the next school year. The opt-out notice must be completed and returned to the school no later than the last working day of January. **Note: Athletic eligibility rules apply for students from the Northridge or Central high School zones transferring to TFAA at Paul W. Bryant High School.**

## D. Application Process

1. All applications must be completed to include meeting deadlines for application, interview, and returning letters of acceptance and student/parent contracts.

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## **E. Selection Process**

1. Following review of applications, student auditions will be scheduled as early as January.
2. Offers of acceptance to TFAA must be returned within the specified timeframe.
3. Failure to respond to an offer of acceptance within the specified timeframe will render the outcome as a student/parent/guardian decline.

## **F. Enrollment**

1. Once students are approved and accept a placement in the Tuscaloosa Fine Arts Academy, the students will:
  - 1.1. remain in the school for the entire school year;
  - 1.2. maintain acceptable attendance;
  - 1.3. maintain a 3.0 GPA in fine arts courses and a 2.0 GPA in all other subjects;
  - 1.4. remain on track to graduate;
2. Dismissal from the Tuscaloosa Fine Arts Academy can only occur when:
  - 2.1 A meeting of the principal with school leadership and/or fine arts team recommends dismissal from the TFAA is warranted for any of the following:
    - Non-participation in established TFAA arts pathways
    - Attendance levels below 92%
    - Cumulative GPA below 2.0
    - Level 3 Student Code of Conduct violation
  - 2.2 If the Principal and committee recommend dismissal, a meeting will be held by the Principal, alone or with selected committee members, to share this recommendation with the student, parents, or guardians.
  - 2.3 Following the meeting with the student, the recommendation and documentation must receive final approval from the Deputy Superintendent with copy to the Coordinator of Attendance.
  - 2.4 An approved dismissal from TFAA, as recommended by the Principal and committee, will result in non-zoned students returning to their zoned high school.
  - 2.5 Pursuant to board policy, a hardship transfer request may be considered to retain the dismissed, non-zoned student at Paul W. Bryant High School until the end of the current academic year, after which the student will return to their zoned high school.
3. Transferring back to the zoned school may be done at any time through the hardship transfer request pursuant to board policy.