

Fine Arts Strategic Plan

2020-2025







Hello FISD Fine Arts Community!

My name is Pete Hazzard, and I proudly serve as the Managing Director of Fine arts for our incredible school district.

This cumulative document serves as a retrospective view of the progress, growth, and achievements Fine Arts in FISD has experienced over the last five years. Thanks to a passionate and engaged faculty, we are continuing to provide immersive and integrated arts experiences for over 82% of our total school district enrollment.

This robust and relevant curriculum, taught by the finest Fine Arts educators in the country is both focused and intentional. Every five years, our department enters into a strategic planning process that allows us to maintain traction in a world full of distractions. This plan directly led to incredible growth in our students. Through these efforts, we sought to improve student outcomes, increase participation and community involvement, and provide access to equitably excellent learning opportunities across all of our K-12 campuses.

The result of this work is the development of the whole child in Frisco ISD. They leave their K-12 education with Future Ready skills that are essential for success in our society. Thanks to the focus of our teachers on process over product, our students are more prepared than ever, leaving our school system feeling more safe, happy, and confident as a result of their time in Fine Arts.

As you explore this magazine, you will see the results of this strategic focus first hand, showcasing the hard work and success of our amazing students and committed professional educators.

The great differentiator for Frisco ISD are the experiences students receive by their participation in the arts. Our department is a nationally recognized model of excellence because of our intentionally action-oriented approach of our teachers and administrators.

Enjoy learning more about and celebrating the accomplishments of our staff and students. For Frisco ISD Fine Arts, the best is yet to come!

Best,

A stylized, handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Pete Hazzard'.

Pete Hazzard

Managing Director of Fine Arts

Theatre Arts

The Process Leading to the UIL Theatrical Design Contest



- High School Tech Theatre classes maintaining portfolios (2023-2025)
- Built and implemented a Frisco ISD Middle School Theatrical Design Handbook, evaluation rubrics, and systemic process for recognition of exceptional work



310 Middle School Participants

176 High School Participants

33 High School State Qualifiers

1 High School State Champion

State Conference (TxETA in 2021-2024)

- 42 theatre teachers attend
- 29 theatre teachers presented 21 sessions

The Process Leading to the UIL One-Act Play Contest

- High School theatre programs participate in multiple OAP clinics annually, including a district-organized OAP clinic with a State-level clinician

Summer Frisco ISD Middle School Theatre Arts Camp (2024-2025)

- 133 student attendees (110 actors, 23 technicians)
- 29 acting and tech classes
- 7 one-act plays



13

High School
Area Qualifiers

10

High School Region
Qualifiers

3

High School
State Qualifiers

Choir

Growth of Choral Programs

- Enrollment in most of our choral programs has recovered to pre-COVID enrollment
- Total FISD choral enrollment up 22% from 2021-2024

District-Wide Collaboration

- Tenor/Bass Festival 2022-23
- Chamber Choir Festival 2023-24
- MS Combined Pre-UIL Evaluation 2024-25



FISD All-Region Choir Camp

- Annual Region/Pre-Area Camps facilitated by middle and high school choral directors have served more than 1,000 students
- The framework for a Summer All-State Choir camp is complete and ready to be instituted once the Visual and Performing Arts Center is open

UIL and Contest Success

- Consistently high UIL scores from all choral programs
- Engagement in the Madrigal Festival, competing against the best choirs in Texas
- Intentional literature planning for future conference performance opportunities

Individual Musicianship

- MS Solo/Ensemble Contest
 - 1,400+ MS competitors
- HS Solo/Ensemble Contest
 - 2,000+ HS competitors

Active Engagement

- Collaborations between campuses within the district
- Collegiate Partner Performances
 - Louisiana State University, Texas A&M-Commerce, Dallas Baptist University, The University of North Texas, Nebraska Wesleyan University Choir
- Professional Organization Engagement
 - Orpheus Chamber Singers, Voces8, Kings Singers, Conspirare, Dallas Symphony Choir, Plano Civic Chorus, Dallas Street Choir, Frisco Chorale, Verdigris Ensemble, Broadway Dallas, Dallas Opera, Fort Worth Opera



All-Region/State
2021-2024

MS
+30%
Region Membership

MS/HS
+40%
Audition Participation

HS
+150%
Region Membership

Elementary Art



K-12 Collaboration

- Multiple collaborative projects within vertical teams
- Annual Vertical Art Shows featuring all campuses
- Expansion of the Vertical Show including a virtual component.

Participation & Engagement

- Annual participation in TEAM (Texas Elementary Art Meet) through TAEA
 - 54 Top of TEAM medals awarded, a 60% increase over the previous four years
- Increased participation in TASB Student Art Contest, Youth Art Month, and Big Art Day events
 - 2 Governor's Gallery selections
 - Big Art Day participation up more than 500%
- District K-12 Visual Art partnership with PGA of America



Benchmark Assessments and Common Formative Assessments

- Elementary Visual Art Benchmark
 - Created a robust item bank for continuous updates
 - Moved from paper to online platform
- Common Formative Assessment
 - Allows for standards-based assessment
 - Provides data for PLC discussions
 - Data helps identify instructional needs
 - Data informs professional learning
 - Evidence of consistent student growth
 - Teachers learned to build their own Standards-Based CFA assessments



Competitive Success

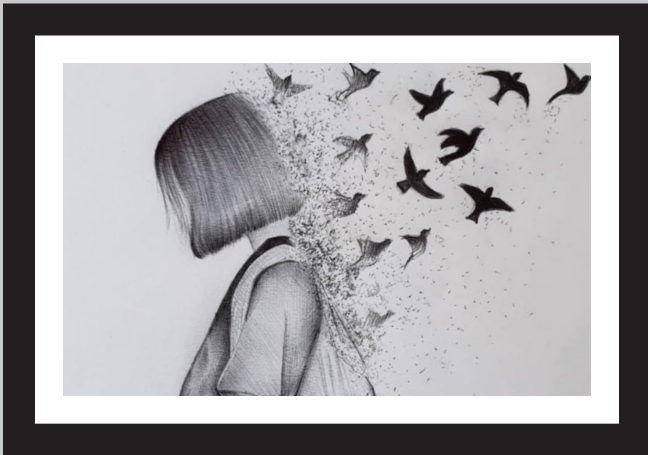
- 3 Cotton Bowl Art Contest winners
- 2 Governor's Gallery Selections
- PGA Mural Contest winner
- Play Frisco "Your Time to Shine" contest winner
- 2 Butterfly Festival Grand Champions
- 2 "I Am Texas" Semi-Finalists
- "Take Care of Texas" Runner-Up

High Quality Instruction

- Collaborative Best-Practices Workshops
- Continuous curricular alignment through Professional Learning Communities
- Shared resource hub with regular peer-to-peer instruction

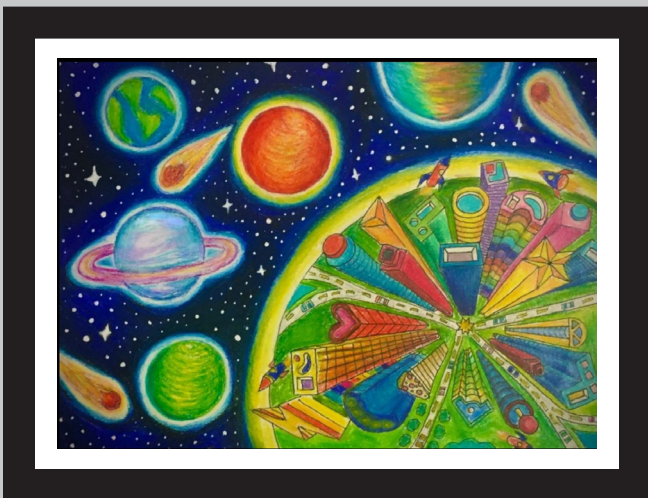


Secondary Art



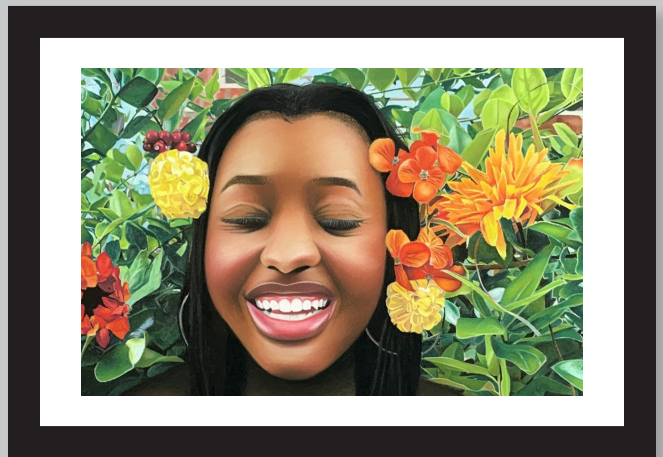
Studio Mindset and Inquiry Based Learning Practices

- Ongoing focus on Vertical Alignment in curriculum and in assessment practices
- Focus on studio mindset in Secondary Visual Art courses and in Inquiry-based learning to better-align with college board practices
- 1,205 AP Visual Art exams passed by FISD students



Curricular Collaboration

- Adjustments to AP Practices based on College Board process changes.
- Collaborative development of common practices and district AP Resource Hub



Student Showcase & Community Engagement

- Annual Vertical Art Shows featuring students from every campus.
- Texas Art Education Association event outcomes set Frisco ISD apart in Texas
 - 270 VASE State Qualifiers
 - 53 Gold Seals (20% increase over prior 4 years)
 - 149 Jr. VASE Platinum Awards (120% increase over prior 4 years)
- Growth in TASB, YAM, and Big Art Day participation
 - Increased TASB and YAM entries annually
 - Big Art Day participation up over 300%



Student Recognition in Prestigious Competitions

- 16 Gold and 5 Silver Scholastic Art & Writing Awards
- 10 Division Winners and 4 Honorable Mentions in Young American Talent
- Featured Artist in New York Times Pandemic Art Contest



Collaboration

- Frequent collaboration between performing arts groups and visual art programs.
- Cross-curricular collaborations between Art and ELA, Science, History, Math, CTE, and Athletics
- Teacher-student collaboration showcased at 2023 TAEA Conference
- K-12 Collaborative projects





Band

Assessment

- MS and HS band programs collaboratively created cluster-based rubrics and common formative assessments aligned to essential skills and prioritized standards

Professional Development

- Fine Arts Office provided PD on all-region/state audition prep
- Implemented the FISD MS All-District audition process to support student success

Student Opportunities

- Solo & Ensemble Events: Open to all 7th and 8th-grade band students each spring
- Summer Band Camp: Held annually in June for 7th and 8th graders



Recognition & Achievements

- TMEA Honor Band Winner
 - Lone Star HS Wind Ensemble, 2024 (5A)
- TMEA Honor Band Finalists
 - Lebanon Trail HS, 2024 (7th)
 - Emerson HS, 2023 (9th)
 - Lawler MS, 2023 (5th)
- UIL State Marching Band Success
 - Lebanon Trail HS, Lone Star HS, and Wakeland HS consistently reached 5A State Finals since 2021
 - Wakeland HS earned two bronze medals
 - Panther Creek HS reached 4A State Finals twice, earning silver in 2023 and 2024

Increased Participation

- 9% increase in middle school participation in TMEA all-region auditions since 2021
- 5% increase in high school students selected for all-region bands



Elementary Music

Professional Development

- PD sessions emphasized effective implementation of Kodaly and Orff methodologies
- Dedicated time provided for collaboration between elementary and secondary music teachers within feeder patterns to align expectations and support



Student Opportunities

- Early planning is underway for a districtwide elementary music event/festival, to launch upon completion of the Visual and Performing Arts Center (VPAC)



Process Development

- Instrument inventory tracking system implemented using Incident IQ and Google Forms



Recognition and Achievements

- TMEA Invited Choir: FISD Elementary Honor Choir selected to perform at the 2025 TMEA Conference
- Honor Choir includes students from all 44 elementary/intermediate campuses



Rubric and Assessment Development

- Teachers collaborated in geographic cadres to develop cluster-based rubrics and common formative assessments focused on essential skills and prioritized standards

Orchestra

Rubric & Assessment Development

- MS and HS orchestra programs collaboratively developed cluster-based rubrics and common formative assessments aligned to essential skills and prioritized standards

Professional Development

- PD sessions focused on remediation, assessment, individual musician development, and the TMEA Honor Orchestra submission process





Student Opportunities

- Solo & Ensemble: Open to all 7th and 8th-grade orchestra students each spring
- Summer Orchestra Camp: Held each July for 7th and 8th graders

Recognition & Achievements

- TMEA Honor Orchestra Winner
 - Lawler MS Full Orchestra, 2024
- TMEA Honor Orchestra Finalists
 - Fowler MS, 2024 (4th)
 - Lebanon Trail HS, 2024 (3rd)
 - Independence HS, 2023 (6th)

Increased Participation Since 2021

- 6% increase in MS participation in the TMEA all-region process
- 8% increase in HS participation in the TMEA all-region process



Dance

Expanded Student Opportunities

- Campus-level cultural dance offerings included:
 - Ballet Folklorico master classes at Liberty HS (2023) and Centennial HS (2024)
 - Bollywood performance group at Reedy HS
- Annual cultural dance master classes at #FISDLearns:
 - German, African, Traditional Indian, Bollywood
- Ongoing clinician recommendations for student and teacher cultural dance sessions

State Conference Engagement (2021-2024)

- 19 teachers attended the Texas Dance Educators Association (TDEA) conference
- 8 teachers presented 6 sessions at TDEA

Dance Educational Assessment of Learning (DEAL)

- All high schools bring one section of Dance 1 students annually for Level 1 DEAL Assessment
- 4 campuses participate in the Upper Level DEAL Assessment each year





Dance Contest Preparation

- All 12 high school dance teams participate annually in the Frisco ISD Dance Team Showoff at the start of the spring semester
- Event highlights competitive routines and includes officer interviews on leadership, teamwork, and the impact of dance education
- Each team performs two routines annually
- Clinician recommendations are collected to support contest preparation



