

# McKinney ISD Fine Arts Department



# Fine Arts Department Mission

- To inspire and equip all students to explore, develop, and express their unique potential as innovators, critical/creative thinkers, and collaborators through a challenging, engaging and diverse learning experience through the visual and performing arts and to provide their teachers with whatever support they need to help their students accomplish this.

# Importance of Arts Education

- “If we are to empower our youth. If we are to prepare them for a dynamic future – we must help them develop their creativity. As the essence of the human experience – it shapes the future... it is the building block that connects our human experience to life itself, a core discipline for developing human potential.” Bob Bates, Director, Inner-City Arts
- “The true purpose of arts education is not necessarily to create more professional dancers or artists. It’s to create more complete human beings who are critical thinkers, who have curious minds, who can lead productive lives.” Kelly Pollock, Executive Director, Center of Creative Arts

# Arts As A Brain Developer

- The arts enhance the process of learning, embedding the learning faster and on a deeper level.
- The arts provide learners with opportunities to simultaneously develop and mature multiple brain systems.
- The arts help develop aesthetic awareness, cultural exposure, social harmony, creativity, improved emotional expression, and appreciation of diversity.



# McKinney ISD Fine Arts Goals

- Provide students with the opportunity to build strong, positive student relationships.
- Provide an engaging and challenging curriculum.
- Increase overall student participation.
- Continued focus on inclusion of students representative of all ethnicities and socioeconomic backgrounds.
- Provide Principals with high-caliber teachers.
- Increase vertical alignment of the programs from the elementary through high school.

# State Fine Arts Requirements

The State of Texas requires that the Fine Arts TEKS be taught in elementary school and that courses in Fine Arts be offered at the middle and high school levels during the school day. MS students are required by the state to complete one TEKS-based fine arts class. 1 credit in Fine Arts is required of all HS students to graduate.

# Who We Serve - Elementary



1 certified music & 1 certified art teacher at each campus serving 9,506 students once per week in a 45-47 minute class period.

# Who We Serve – MS

- Band – 1,174 student units (11 teachers)
- Choir – 788 student units (8 teachers)
- Orchestra – 667 student units (8 teachers)
- Visual Arts – 1,590 student units (10 teachers)
- Theatre Arts – 706 student units (5 teachers)
- **Totals = 4,925 Student Units (42 teachers)**
- **Totals = 4,138 Unique MS Students**





# Who We Serve – HS

- Band – 607 student units (14 teachers)
- Choir – 448 student units (6 teachers)
- Orchestra – 435 student units (5 teachers)
- Visual Arts – 1,774 student units (11.5 teachers)
- Theatre Arts – 656 student units (7 teachers)
- Dance – 363 student units (5 teachers)
- **Totals = 4,283 Student Units (48.5 teachers)**
- **Totals = 3,704 Unique HS Students**



# Who We Serve – HS AP Fine Arts

- AP Music Theory – 18 students
- AP Studio Art – 142 students
- AP Art History – 180 students



# Secondary Fine Arts Enrollment

- Band – 1,781 student units, 25 teachers
- Choir – 1,236 student units, 14 teachers
- Dance – 363 student units, 5 teachers
- Orchestra – 1,102 student units, 13 teachers
- Theatre Arts – 1,362 student units, 13 teachers
- Visual Arts (Non AP & AP) – 3,364 student units, 21.5 teachers
- AP Art History/Music Theory – 198 student units

**Totals = 9,406 Student Units, 90.5 teachers**  
**Totals = 8,040 Unique Secondary Students**

# Secondary Fine Arts Enrollment

- Total Fine Arts Enrollment - 8,040 Unique Students
- Secondary Total Student Population - 13,349 students
- **60.2 % of all secondary students are involved in fine arts!**



# STARR/EOC Test Results 2020-21

FINE ARTS	STAAR	NON FINE ARTS
87%	English I	82%
83%	Algebra I	78%
93%	Biology	91%
90%	English II	86%
97%	US History	96%

# Grade Point Average 2020-21

DEPARTMENT	AVG WEIGHTED GPA
Visual Arts	3.05
Band	3.56
Choir	3.38
Dance	3.16
Orchestra	3.54
Theatre Arts	3.00

	AW GPA
In Fine Arts	3.21
All Students	3.02

# UIL Marching Band Contest

All 3 HS Marching Bands received Superior ratings from all judges in this fall's UIL Region 24 Region Marching Contest and advanced to area-level contests.

McKinney North placed 7<sup>th</sup> overall in the finals of the UIL 5A Area B Marching Contest, with the top 4 bands in the contest advancing to state.

McKinney Boyd placed 8<sup>th</sup> overall in the finals of the UIL 6A Area C Marching Contest, with the top 5 bands in the contest advancing to state.



# UIL Concert & Sight Reading (2021)

Spring 2021 UIL Concert & Sight Reading Evaluations were held virtually, and participation by MISD groups was optional. District bands, choirs, and orchestras submitted pre-recorded videos for both the concert & sight reading portions of the evaluation. The video links were sent to adjudicating panels for evaluation. Judges then provided directors with written feedback and ratings.





# UIL Concert & Sight Reading (2021)

Thirty-Five MISD MS & HS Bands, Choirs and Orchestras participated in 2021 Spring UIL Concert & Sight Reading Evaluations.

## Concert Evaluation Ratings

34 Superior (I) & 1 Excellent (II) Ratings

## Sight Reading Ratings

33 Superior (I) & 2 Excellent (II) Ratings

# Individual Success

## Texas Music Educators Association (TMEA) All-Region Middle School Band, Choir and Orchestra

- 77 MS Band students made 21-22 Region 24 All-Region Bands.
- 28 MS Orchestra students made 21-22 Region 24 All-Region Orchestras.
- 21-22 Region 24 MS All-Region Choir auditions are scheduled for April 2022.

# Individual Success

## Texas Music Educators Association (TMEA) All-Region High School Band, Choir and Orchestra

- 59 HS Band students made Region 24 All-Region Bands, 26 made All-Area. All-State auditions in January 2022.
- 19 HS Band students made Region 24 All-Region Jazz Bands, 4 made All-Area.
- 91 HS Choir students made Region 24 All-Region Choirs, 36 made All-Area. All-State auditions in January 2022.
- 35 HS Orchestra students made Region 24 All-Region Orchestras, 14 made All-Area, 2 made All-State 2022.

***8 All-State Musicians From MISD in 20-21!***

# Individual Success - VASE



Lisa Nguyen,  
MHS



Emma Dawson  
MHS

Donna Freeman  
MHS



Claire Stringfellow  
MHS

Emily Stringfellow  
MHS



Megan Ward  
MHS



Marisol Soto-Morales  
MHS



Jake Arnold  
MBHS



Ariana Gutierrez  
MBHS



Curtis Coppin  
MBHS



Noel Holzner  
MBHS



Stuti Mehta  
MBHS



Annika Dundon  
MBHS



Jennifer Wang – Alternate  
MBHS



Angelina Waggoner  
MNHS



Hayden Weisz  
MNHS

# Visual Arts Scholastic Event



Yesenia Lincecum, SJMS  
Stephanie McPherson, Teacher

Kamryn Francis, SJMS  
Stephanie McPherson, Teacher

**2021**  
**Jr. VASE**  
**Platinum Medalists**



Aguilar Monserrat, SJMS  
Elise Cole, Teacher



Sophie Yu, CMS  
Colin Ducharme, Teacher

# Visual Arts Scholastic Event Spring 2021

- ▶ Junior VASE (Virtual)  
125 MS Art Participants – 105 Superior Ratings & 4 Platinum Medals, which is the equivalent to the HS state-level award
- ▶ High School Regional VASE (Virtual)  
128 HS Art participants - 94 Superior Ratings
- ▶ State VASE (Virtual)  
5 students qualified for 2021 State Contest  
5 Superior Medals & 1 Gold Seal Award

# State Youth Art Month



Duy Long "Brian" Nguyen  
Malvern, 3rd. grade  
Stephanie Mundt, Teacher



Lily Ferro  
Valley Creek, 3rd. grade  
Amanda Kelly, Teacher



Finn Collins  
MNHS, 9th grade  
Megan Crump, Teacher



Kahlen Geer  
MNHS, 10th grade  
Megan Crump, Teacher



Paxton Grigsby  
CMS, 6th grade  
Lorren Nixon, Teacher



Taylor Trotter  
FMS, 8th grade  
Leslie Wright, Teacher

MISD  
Austin YAM entries  
2021-2022

# Group Success

- 2022 – Faubion Middle School Cambiata Tenor Bass Choir invited to perform at the Texas Music Educators Association Convention in San Antonio, Feb. 2022.
- 2021– Boyd High School Percussion Ensemble invited to perform at the Percussive Arts Society International Conference in Indianapolis, Nov. 2021.
- 2021 – The Foundation for Music Education selected the McKinney North HS Honors Band and the McKinney Boyd HS Honors Consortium Orchestra as “Mark of Excellence” Commended winners. The MHS Philharmonic Orchestra received the Citation of Excellence Award, which is an award specifically for Non-Varsity bands and orchestras.



# District & Individual Success

- 2021-22 – For the fifth consecutive year, McKinney ISD was named as one of the “Best Communities for Music Education” by the National Association of Music Merchants (NAMM) Foundation.
- 2020-21 – Lamar Smith, McKinney North High School Head Orchestra Director, received the Texas Orchestra Directors Association “Director of Distinction Award.”



**MISD Fine Arts** is honored to receive this award

2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021

# Student Involvement = Success



# MISD Fine Arts Social Media

[www.mckinneyisd.net/finearts](http://www.mckinneyisd.net/finearts)



# Questions?



*Music gives a soul to the universe, wings to the mind  
flight to the imagination and life to everything*

*Plato*

