

Academics and music go hand-in-hand

The average SAT score in the State of Texas in 2009 was **1473**. The average SAT score for members of the TMEA All-State Bands, Orchestras, and Choirs was **1835**.

"SAT scores of students who took part in music instruction surpassed students with no music training. Additionally, data revealed that for every year a student participated in music instruction, their SAT scores improved." - Profile of College Bound Seniors , National Report for 2001, the College Board.

Critical thinking and problem-solving skills, teamwork, creativity and innovation, professionalism and mathematics are key components of the arts - and are considered vital to competing in the global marketplace. But nationally, only 20 percent of employers said their employees possess these competencies, according to a Society for Human Resource Management study, "The Future of the Labor Force."

"The term 'core academic subjects' means English, reading or language arts, mathematics, science, foreign languages, civics and government, economics, **arts**, history, and geography." No Child Left Behind Act of 2002, Title IX, Part A



"The right brain is where artistry, empathy, inventiveness happen and that is what matters most to the 21st century economy. We're moving from a left-brain world that values linear, logical thinking and action to a world that values the ability to recognize the big picture, empathize and to come up with multiple solutions to complex problems. In this world, according to Dan Pink, our kids will need to be able to "toggle" between both modes of thinking. Pink concludes that students need to be in arts classrooms where they can explore creative thinking and not only problem-solving but also identifying problems and multiple solutions. - 'A Whole New Mind' meets Texas Education'

- Dan Pink, UIL Leaguer, 2009

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The Allen High School fine arts programs have brought national attention to our community through competitions and performances. We are extremely proud of these students and the faculty who direct these programs. Beyond the recognition, participation in band, choir, orchestra, visual arts and theater helps provide a well-rounded education through self discipline and teamwork. The fine arts experiences of our students also foster an enjoyment of the arts that they will carry with them for life.

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Allen Independent School District

Scheduling

Orchestra

To meet AISD requirements for
the Recommended Graduation
Plan



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To select Orchestra
Follow this Academic Plan

9th grade	
Fall	Spring
English	English
Math	Math
Science	Science
Social Studies	Social Studies
Required Course*	Required Course*
Required Course*	Required Course*
Required Course*	Required Course*
ORCHESTRA	ORCHESTRA
10th grade	
Fall	Spring
English	English
Math	Math
Science	Science
Social Studies	Social Studies
Required Course*	Required Course*
Required Course*	Required Course*
ORCHESTRA	ORCHESTRA
11th grade	
Fall	Spring
English	English
Math	Math
Science	Science
Social Studies	Social Studies
Required Course*	Required Elective*
Elective	Elective
ORCHESTRA	ORCHESTRA
12th grade	
Fall	Spring
English	English
Math	Math
Science	Science
Social Studies	Social Studies
Elective	Elective
Elective	Elective
ORCHESTRA	ORCHESTRA

To select Orchestra and Athletics
Orchestra and Band
Follow this Academic Plan

9th grade	
Fall	Spring
English	English
Math	Math
Science	Science
Social Studies	Social Studies
Required Course*	Required Course*
Required Course*	Required Course*
Athletics or Band	Athletics or Band
ORCHESTRA	ORCHESTRA
10th grade	
Fall	Spring
English	English
Math	Math
Science	Science
Social Studies	Social Studies
Required Course*	Required Course*
Athletics or Band	Athletics or Band (Elective)
ORCHESTRA	ORCHESTRA
11th grade	
Fall	Spring
English	English
Math	Math
Science	Science
Social Studies	Social Studies
Required Course*	Required Course*
Athletics or Band (Elective)	Athletics or Band (Elective)
ORCHESTRA	ORCHESTRA
12th grade	
Fall	Spring
English	English
Math	Math
Science	Science
Social Studies	Social Studies
Elective	Elective
Athletics or Band (Elective)	Athletics or Band (Elective)
ORCHESTRA	ORCHESTRA

To select Orchestra and Another
Fine Arts Class
Follow this Academic Plan

9th grade	
Fall	Spring
English	English
Math	Math
Science	Science
Social Studies	Social Studies
Required Course*	Required Course*
Required Course*	Required Course*
Fine Arts Class	Fine Arts Class
ORCHESTRA	ORCHESTRA
10th grade	
Fall	Spring
English	English
Math	Math
Science	Science
Social Studies	Social Studies
Required Course*	Required Course*
Fine Arts Class	Fine Arts Class
ORCHESTRA	ORCHESTRA
11th grade	
Fall	Spring
English	English
Math	Math
Science	Science
Social Studies	Social Studies
Required Course*	Required Course*
Fine Arts Class	Fine Arts Class
ORCHESTRA	ORCHESTRA
12th grade	
Fall	Spring
English	English
Math	Math
Science	Science
Social Studies	Social Studies
Required Course*	Required Course*
Fine Arts Class	Fine Arts Class
ORCHESTRA	ORCHESTRA
**Requires 1 semester of alternative scheduling	

REQUIRED CORE COURSE

Required Courses * = 11 semesters

Health	1 semester
Speech	1 semester
Technology Applications	2 semesters
Language other than English	4 semesters
Physical Education	3 semesters
<i>3 semesters of marching band or athletics fulfill the PE requirement</i>	

Alternative Scheduling

- HS credit completed in Middle School
- Summer School
- Dual Credit through CCCC
- Correspondence Courses (2 credits only)

Can be used to "open" schedule for other credit options.

With the 26 credit requirement for graduation, most students at Allen High School can easily include fine arts in their scheduled as well as athletics. Students are encouraged to pursue their interests with the opportunity to take multiple fine arts classes. The high school counselors will work diligently with each student to guarantee that all graduation requirements have been met. I hope you find the examples listed in this brochure helpful. We take great pride in the fine arts programs in Allen and look forward to your participation in our continues success!

Anthony Gibson - Director of Fine Arts