

Fine Arts End-of-Year Placement Requirements

Fort Bend ISD's Fine Arts programs continue to be a source of pride for our community. Last Tuesday, the NAMM Foundation designated our District one of the "2020 Best Communities for Music Education" in the nation for the eleventh consecutive year. Through the pursuit of artistic excellence, students' lives are transformed as they embody the attributes outlined in the District's Profile of a Graduate in real-world applications. For many students, their Fine Arts elective is their favorite class during the day and keeps them engaged at school. In these uncertain times, people in large numbers are connecting to the Arts as a means of creating shared experiences during social distancing.

Staying Connected

During this period of online learning, we want to keep our students engaged in developing their artistic craft. While students enrolled in Middle School Fine Arts courses will not receive a grade during the T4 grading period, it is imperative students actively participate in activities outlined in the Schoology online courses for their subjects. Over the next few weeks, students will continue building the skills necessary for future success in their artistic discipline, as well as learn audition and portfolio requirements for placement next year.

Middle School Placement for 2020-21

At the middle school level, we expect all Fine Arts students to continue attending their weekly online Schoology courses, complete the uploaded activities, and attend online help sessions with their teachers. Music students enrolled in Band, Choir, Orchestra, as well as Theatre students wishing to enroll in the Theatre III/Productions class, must complete an online audition before the end of the school year to determine placement in the appropriate class for the 2020-21 school year. Contact your campus Fine Arts teacher for more information about these auditions. Previously selected 8th grade Art III students will submit their portfolios for review by High School Art teachers in order to place out of High School Art I and into Art II classes.

High School Placement for 2020-21

At the high school level, students wishing to participate in Band, Choir, Orchestra, Dance Team, Theatre Productions, and Art II-IV courses must complete an audition or portfolio review. Each campus Fine Arts program has set up procedures and deadlines for the audition/portfolio submission process. Contact your high school Fine Arts teacher for more detailed information about these placement requirements.