



A public school with the entire state as its district, Alabama School of Fine Arts (ASFA) admits students through application and audition, providing tuition-free instruction in six specialty areas: creative writing, dance, math & science, music, theatre, and visual arts, plus a full college preparatory curriculum. Located in the heart of Birmingham’s downtown cultural district, ASFA provides a dormitory for students living beyond commuting distance.

WHAT MAKES ASFA DIFFERENT?

- Partially residential, publicly funded secondary school enrolling 332 students, grades 7-12, with a senior class of 65.
- Six major Specialties: Creative Writing, Dance, Math & Science, Music, Theatre, Visual Arts.
- Competitive admission based on application, letters of recommendation, school records, audition and interview.
- Extended school day (7:55 am - 4:40 pm) includes six periods of 47 minutes and minimum of 3 hours of Specialty instruction per day.
- Due to our extended school day and significant departmental commitments, ASFA sponsors no athletics or extracurricular activities unless directly tied to our Specialty programs.
- All seniors create an original, substantial research project, written work, performance or exhibit in their Specialty.
- Because our Specialty majors are so different, our graduating classes are small, and most students attend competitive four-year colleges, it is our policy not to rank our students.
- School policy precludes disclosing disciplinary history.

MARKING SYSTEM AND RELATED PROCEDURES

- Grades assigned on a 10-point grading scale as follows:
A= 90-100, B= 80-89, C= 70-79 and D= 60-69
- GPA based on a 4.0 scale.
- Both weighted & unweighted GPAs reported on transcript.
- For weighted GPA, 1 point is assigned to all Specialty and AP courses.
- On the transcript, the symbol > precedes weighted courses.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

- Specialty area — 16 credits
- English — 4 credits
- Social Studies — 4 credits
- Math — 4 credits *
- Science — 4 credits
- Foreign Language — 2 credits
- Fine Arts — 1.5 credits for Math/Science students
- Health & Wellness — 1.5 credits
- Computer Applications — .5 credit*

ADVANCED COURSES

These demanding courses require extra preparation, rehearsal, and/or study time. Most use college texts and teaching methodologies, and are paced to match undergraduate offerings. **We strenuously urge colleges to include ASFA specialty courses in GPA calculations and to weight them at or beyond Advanced Placement level—as you would the most rigorous academic courses.** See complete Specialty profiles & curriculum guide at www.asfa.k12.al.us/who-we-are.

CORE CLASSES—Open to All Students:

English English 12

Mathematics *
AP Calculus AB

Science
AP Environmental Science
AP Psychology
Human Anatomy and Physiology
Physics

Social Studies
Advanced Studies in U.S. History II
AP U.S. Government and Politics
AP Macroeconomics

Computer Science
AP Computer Science A
AP Computer Principles *
(previously Computer Science Principles I&II)
Problem Solving with C/C++

World Languages
AP French, AP Spanish, and AP Latin

Electives Advanced Art History

SPECIALTY COURSES—Available Only to students within each Specialty Listed Below:

Creative Writing
Practicum I
Practicum II
Senior Thesis Workshop

Dance
Ballet/Pointe
Modern/Repertory
Rehearsal/Performance

Math/Science Specialty
AP Calculus AB
AP Calculus BC

AP Seminar
AP Statistics
Abstract Algebra
Differential Equations
Linear Algebra

AP Biology
AP Chemistry
AP Physics C: Electricity & Magnetism
AP Physics C: Mechanics

Music
Advanced Aural Awareness
Music History
Performance Ensemble
Honors Music Theory

Theatre Arts
Directing
Theatre History
Senior Theatre Project

Visual Arts
Senior Thesis

* AP Computer Science Principles may fulfill math requirement for arts students

SELECTIVITY: ADMISSIONS TO ASFA	
44% OVERALL ACCEPTANCE RATE (101 OF 232 APPLICATIONS)	
BY SPECIALTY DEPARTMENT	
Creative Writing60%	Music36%
Dance83%	Theatre Arts..... 36%
Math/Science.....63%	Visual Arts.....37%

CLASS OF 2020 GPA DISTRIBUTION		
	WEIGHTED	UNWEIGHTED
First Quartile	4.34—4.59	3.88—4.0
Second Quartile	4.05—4.37	3.57—3.87
Third Quartile	3.24—4.0	3.21—3.55
Fourth Quartile	2.47—3.96	2.94—3.19

STUDENT DEMOGRAPHICS	
332 students grades 7-12. 65 seniors 34% male, 66% female	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 26% African-American • 18% Asian • 51% Caucasian • 4% Hispanic • 1% Native American/Pacific Islander 	
20% qualify for free or reduced lunch program.	

COLLEGE ENTRANCE EXAMS				
ACT				
	ASFA	State	Natl.	
Middle 50%.....	22—31	Mean: 25.8	18.9	20.9
SAT				
	ASFA	State	Natl.	
Reading & Writing.....	673	593	531	
Math	625	572	520	
Composite.....	1298	1165	1051	

COLLEGE ADMISSION, MATRICULATION AND MERIT SCHOLARSHIPS

Over the past five years, 90% of ASFA graduates have won merit scholarships, compared to the national average of 15%. Approximately 95% of ASFA students matriculated to four-year institutions, 2% to two-year colleges, 3% took a transition year, and <1% entered the workforce or military. During this period, ASFA graduates were admitted to numerous colleges, universities, conservatories, and art schools, including the following representative sample:

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| Agnes Scott College * | Ithaca College | Royal Conservatoire of Scotland |
| The University of Alabama * | Johns Hopkins University/Peabody Institute | Samford University * |
| University of Alabama at Birmingham * | The Juilliard School | Sarah Lawrence College |
| University of Arizona | Kalamazoo College | San Francisco Art Institute |
| Auburn University * | Kansas City Art Institute | San Francisco Conservatory of Music |
| Bard College | Kenyon College | Savannah College of Art & Design * |
| Belmont University | Loyola University New Orleans * | School of the Art Institute of Chicago * |
| Berklee College of Music | Louisiana State University | School of the Museum of Fine Arts |
| Birmingham-Southern College * | Manhattan School of Music | School of Oriental and African Studies, U of London |
| Brown University | Maryland Institute College of Art | School of Visual Arts |
| Boston University * | Massachusetts Institute of Technology | Sciences Po |
| Butler University | University of Michigan | Sewanee: University of the South |
| California Institute of Technology | Middlebury College | University of Southern California |
| California Institute of the Arts | Minneapolis College of Art & Design | Southern Methodist University |
| University of California, Berkeley | University of Montevallo * | Spelman College |
| Carnegie Mellon University | Middlebury College | Stanford University |
| University of Cincinnati/Conservatory of Music | New School | Swarthmore College |
| Columbia College Chicago * | University of New Orleans * | Syracuse University |
| Columbia University | New York University * | The University of Texas, Austin * |
| Cooper Union for Advancement of Science & Art | North Carolina School of the Arts | Texas Christian University |
| Cornell University | Northwestern University | Tufts University |
| Dartmouth College | University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill | Tulane University * |
| Duke University | University of North Carolina School of Arts | University of the Arts |
| Emory University * | University of North Texas | Vanderbilt University * |
| Florida State University | Northwestern University | Virginia Commonwealth University |
| Fordham University/Alvin Ailey BFA | Oberlin College/Oberlin Conservatory of Music | Warren Wilson College |
| Georgia Mason University | Pace University | Washington University in St. Louis |
| George Washington University | Parsons School of Design | Wesleyan University |
| Georgia Institute of Technology * | University of Pennsylvania | Williams College |
| Georgetown University | Point Park University * | Worcester Polytechnic Institute |
| University of Hartford | Pratt Institute | Yale University |
| Harvard University | Princeton University | Yale-NUS |
| Hollins University | Purchase College, SUNY | Xavier University of Louisiana |
| Howard University * | Rhode Island School of Design | |
| Indiana University at Bloomington | Rice University | |
| | Royal Academy of Music, London | |

* Institutions that accepted more than 10 ASFA graduates indicated by asterisks. Those with ASFA matriculants indicated by **boldface**.