

The Chicago Academy for the Arts

SCHOOL PROFILE 2019-2020

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ABOUT THE CHICAGO ACADEMY FOR THE ARTS

Established in 1981, The Chicago Academy for the Arts is a nationally recognized, internationally influential independent high school acclaimed for its unique co-curricular program composed of rigorous college-preparatory academics and professional-level arts training. Designated a National School of Distinction by the John F. Kennedy Center, The Chicago Academy for the Arts provides a challenging and stimulating environment in which young scholar-artists master the skills necessary for academic success, critical thought, and creative expression.

MISSION

The Chicago Academy for the Arts transforms emerging artists through a curriculum and culture which connect intellectual curiosity, critical thinking, and creativity to impart the skills to lead and collaborate across diverse communities.

STUDENT BODY

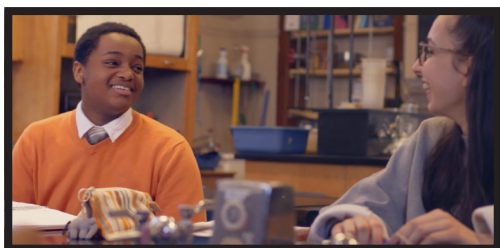
Students are admitted to The Academy each year based on demonstrated ability in both academics and the arts. For the 2018-2019 school year, 50% of applicants were accepted to The Academy.

The 133 students of The Academy form a diverse community: 66% Caucasian, 18% African American/Black, 8% Latino/Hispanic American, 3% Asian American, 3% Multiracial American, and 2% International. Academy students live in Chicago, its suburbs, and beyond: 51% Chicago, 47% suburbs, 2% international. Many students commute over three hours each day to attend The Academy.

Approximately 50% of students receive need-based tuition assistance each year. A total of \$1.2 million was awarded for the 2018-2019 school year.

Ninety-six percent of the students of the Class of 2018 were admitted to universities, colleges, art institutes, or conservatories. The 39 students comprising the class were collectively awarded over \$10 million in college scholarships.

The average academic class size is 15 students.



FACULTY

The Academy's faculty consists of 55 members, including full-time, certified academic teachers and arts instructors, as well as part-time artist-teachers of local, national, and international acclaim. The student-to-faculty ratio is 4:1. Fifty-three percent of Academy teachers hold graduate degrees.



ARTS CURRICULUM

Each student is a member of one of The Academy's six arts departments: Dance, Media Arts, Music, Musical Theatre, Theatre, or Visual Arts. Each department provides core courses that immerse the students in the discipline of the respective department. Faculty members assess students individually in each course each semester. In addition to their regular arts classwork, students participate in numerous productions throughout the school year. The Academy has over 100 productions each year, including concerts, plays, musicals, readings, screenings, and exhibitions. Additionally, The Academy's urban location offers students unparalleled access to, and partnerships with, some of the world's most renowned arts organizations and professionals.

Seniors in each arts department also present major final projects (such as recitals, exhibits, and films) as a graduation requirement.

ACADEMIC CURRICULUM

The Academy's rigorous, college-preparatory academic program is built upon core studies in English, mathematics, science, social studies, and world languages. Honors courses are offered in selected disciplines. AP courses are offered during a student's junior and senior years.

ACCREDITATION

The Academy is accredited by the Independent Schools Association of the Central States (ISACS) and is a member in good standing of the National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS). The Academy is recognized by the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) and is a member of the Illinois High School Association (ISHA) and the Arts School Network (ASN).



A Little Night Music, 2016

DAILY SCHEDULE

The Academy's school day begins at 8:30 a.m. and consists of six 45-minute academic periods followed by a three-hour immersion in the student's respective arts discipline.

While the standard school day officially ends at 4:30 p.m., students are required to stay later on the majority of school days for rehearsals, performances, private lessons, or student-led projects. The Academy's extended school day and the significant commutes of many of our students limit their availability for extra-curricular activities.

GRADING POLICY

The Academy provides a cumulative GPA that includes both academic and arts courses as well as a cumulative GPA that includes academic courses only. The Academy does not rank its students.

HONORS AND AP COURSES

The Academy offers seven honors-level courses and nine AP courses. These courses are offered to students based upon teacher recommendation. Due to AP course availability and scheduling conflicts, students are typically able to take a total of no more than five AP courses. Honors and AP courses are weighted in the GPA.

GRADING SCALE

Grade	Standard	Honors	AP
A	4	4.5	5
B	3	3.5	4
C	2	2.5	3
D	1	1	1
F	0	0	0

COURSE OFFERINGS

SUBJECT/REQUIREMENTS **COURSES** Honors and AP courses are highlighted. A one-semester course is equal to .5 credits. Course titles reflect changes made at the beginning of the 2017-2018 school year.

ENGLISH 4 credits *One-semester course. Offered in alternating years.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">African American Literature*American LiteratureAnalysis and CompositionAP English Literature & CompositionChicago Literature*Detective FictionFreshman English	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Gothic LiteratureLatin American Literature*Literature and CompositionLiterature and the Comedic Form*Literature of World War I*Literature Through Film*	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Native American Literature*Postcolonial Literature*Shakespeare as Literature and Drama*Women's Literature*Myth and Hero*
MATHEMATICS 3 credits	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Algebra IAlgebra IIAP Calculus ABAP Calculus BC	<ul style="list-style-type: none">AP StatisticsDiscrete MathematicsGeometryHonors Algebra I	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Honors Algebra IIHonors GeometryHonors PrecalculusPrecalculus
SCIENCE 3 credits	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Anatomy & PhysiologyAP Computer Science Principles	<ul style="list-style-type: none">BiologyChemistry	<ul style="list-style-type: none">PhysicsScientific Discourse and Debate
SOCIAL STUDIES 3 credits *Offered in alternating years	<ul style="list-style-type: none">AP Art HistoryAP European HistoryGlobal Affairs	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Honors Philosophy*Modern American History Through Film	<ul style="list-style-type: none">U.S. HistoryWorld History
WORLD LANGUAGES 2 credits	<ul style="list-style-type: none">AP FrenchAP Spanish	<ul style="list-style-type: none">French I-IIIHonors French IV	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Honors Spanish IVSpanish I-III
ARTS ELECTIVES (Offered to students of all arts departments)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Business & the ArtsIntroduction to ActingMusic Composition	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Public SpeakingStudio Art	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Urban DesignVideo Production
Each student is a member of one of the following arts departments and must complete the courses shown.			
DANCE	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Ballet A, B, & CDance CompositionJazz A, B, & C	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Men's ClassModern Graham Technique A, B, & C	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Pas de DeuxPointe A & B
MEDIA ARTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Animation StudiesAnimation TechniquesAudio ProductionCinematographyCreative Non-FictionDirecting	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Expanded NarrativeFictionFilm AestheticsIntroduction To Creative WritingMedia DesignPoetry	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Publications LabScreenwritingSequential NarrativeStudioVideo ProductionWorkshop
MUSIC	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Chamber EnsembleClassical Vocal WorkshopCompositionContemporary Writing and Production	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Jazz ComboJazz Vocal WorkshopMusic History	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Piano LabStudioTheory and Ear Training I, II, and Advanced
MUSICAL THEATRE *Through Dance Dept.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Advanced ActingDance*Intermediate Acting	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Introduction to ActingMusical Theatre Studio I and IIPrivate Voice Instruction	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Voice Repertoire and Music Theory
THEATRE *One-semester course	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Acting for the Camera*Advanced ActingCircus*Combat for Stage and Screen*Costume Concepts*	<ul style="list-style-type: none">DirectingImprovisation*Intermediate ActingIntroduction to ActingMakeup for Stage and Screen*	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Playwriting*Scenic, Lighting, & Sound DesignScript AnalysisStagecraftStage ManagementVoice and Movement
VISUAL ARTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Color TheoryDesignDigital Photography	<ul style="list-style-type: none">DrawingFour-Dimensional StudioInterdisciplinary Art	<ul style="list-style-type: none">PaintingPrintmakingSculpture

ACT SCORES, 2017-2018 *2018-2019 ACT scores will be released toward the end of the year.

Section	Academy Average	National Average	Academy % Higher
English	27.4	20.2	36%
Math	24.1	20.5	18%
Reading	27.9	21.3	31%
Science	24.0	20.7	16%
Composite	25.9	20.8	25%

ACT COLLEGE READINESS* SCORES, 2017-2018

Section	% Academy Students	% National Students	Academy % Higher
English Composition	95%	60%	58%
College Algebra	73%	46%	59%
College Social Science	85%	40%	113%
College Biology	68%	36%	89%
Meeting all four	55%	27%	104%

*The ACT's "College Readiness" statistic predicts the likelihood of a student earning an 'A' or a 'B' in a particular college course.



Graduation, 2016

COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES 2010-2018

AMDA College and Conservatory of the Performing Arts	Dominican University of California	University of Mary Washington	Saint John's University
American Academy of Dramatic Arts	Drake University	Maryland Institute College of Art	Saint Mary's College
The American Musical and Dramatic Academy	Drew University	Marymount Manhattan College	Saint Xavier University
The American University of Paris	Drexel University	Massachusetts College of Art and Design	Sam Houston State University
Antioch College	College of DuPage	University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth	San Francisco Art Institute
Arizona State University	Earlham College	McGill University	University of San Francisco
The University of Arizona	Eastman School of Music	Mercyhurst University	Santa Fe University of Art and Design
Augustana College	Eckerd College	Miami University, Oxford	Sarah Lawrence College
Baldwin Wallace University	Edinburgh College of Art	University of Miami	Savannah College of Art and Design
Ball State University	Elmhurst College	University of Michigan	School of the Art Institute of Chicago
Bard College	Elon University	Middleburg College	School of the Museum of Fine Arts
Barnard College	Emerson College	Millikin University	School of Visual Arts
Belmont University	Emory University	Milwaukee Institute of Art and Design	Shenandoah University
Beloit College	University of Essex	Minneapolis College of Art and Design	Skidmore College
Bennington College	Eugene Lang College The New School for Liberal Arts	University of Minnesota	University of South Carolina
Berklee College of Music	University of Evansville	University of Missouri, Columbia	University of South Florida, Tampa
Biola University	Evergreen State University	University of Missouri, Kansas City	University of Southern California
Boston Conservatory	Florida State University	Montana State University, Bozeman	Southern Illinois University, Carbondale
Boston University	Fordham University	The University of Montana, Missoula	Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville
Bowling Green State University	Fordham University	Moody Bible Institute	Southern Methodist University
Bradley University	Friends University	Muhlenberg College	Spelman College
Brooks Institute of Photography	George Mason University	New England Conservatory of Music	Springfield College
Burlington College	Goucher College	The New School for Jazz and Contemporary Music	Stanford University
Butler University	Grand Valley State University	The New School	Suffolk University
California College of the Arts (Oakland)	Green Mountain College	New York University	SUNY-Purchase College, State University of New York
California Institute of the Arts	Grinnell College	University of North Carolina School of the Arts	Syracuse University
California State University, Long Beach	Guildford School of Acting	North Central College	The Ohio State University
University of California, Berkeley	Guilford College	North Park University	The Theatre School
University of California, Los Angeles	Hampshire College	University of North Texas	Triton College
University of California, San Diego	University of Hartford	Northeastern Illinois University	Tulane University
CAP21 Performing Arts Conservatory	Harry S. Truman Community College of Chicago	University of Northern Colorado	University of the Arts London
Carnegie Mellon University	Hawaii Pacific University	Northern Illinois University	The University of the Arts
Central Saint Martins College of Art & Design	University of Hawaii at Manoa	Northwestern University	Ursinus College
Centre College	Hofstra University	Oberlin College and Conservatory	University of Utah
Champlain College	Howard University	University of Oklahoma	Vassar College
Chapman University	University of Illinois at Chicago	Oklahoma City University	Virginia Commonwealth University
Chicago College of Performing Arts at Roosevelt University	University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign	Ontario College of Art & Design	Viterbo University
University of Chicago	Illinois State University	Otterbein University	Wagner College
Chicago State University	Illinois Wesleyan University	Pace University, New York City	University of Washington
University of Cincinnati College	Indiana University at Bloomington	Pace University, Westchester Campus	Washington University, St. Louis
Conservatory of Music	The University of Iowa	Parsons The New School for Design	Wayne State
Cleveland Institute of Music	Ithaca College	Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts	Webster University
Coe College	Johns Hopkins University Peabody	Pennsylvania State University, University Park	Wesleyan University
College for Creative Studies	Conservatory of Music	Pepperdine University	Western Illinois University
University of Colorado at Boulder	The Juilliard School	Point Park University	Western Michigan University
Colorado College	Juniata College	Pomona College	University of Wisconsin, La Crosse
Colorado State University	Kansas City Art Institute	Pratt Institute	University of Wisconsin, Madison
Columbia College Chicago	University of Kansas	Prescott College	University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee
Concordia University (Montreal, Quebec)	University of Kentucky	Princeton University	The College of Wooster
Concordia University (IL)	Kenyon College	University of Redlands	
The Conservatory of Music	Knox College	Reed College	
The Cooper Union for the Advancement of Science & Art	Lake Forest College	Rhode Island School of Design	
Cornell College	Lawrence University	Ripon College	
Cornish College of the Arts	Lewis University	Rochester Institute of Technology	
Dean College	The Liverpool Institute for the Performing Arts	University of Rochester	
University of Denver	London Contemporary Dance School	Rockford University	
DePaul University	University of Louisiana, Lafayette	Roehampton University (UK)	
Dominican University	Loyola Marymount University	Roosevelt University	
	Loyola University Chicago	Rose Bruford College	
	Manhattan School of Music	Rutgers University-New Brunswick	
	Marquette University		

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