

1. When is open enrollment?

- Open Enrollment for an upcoming school year begins the 2nd Wednesday in January and runs approximately 30 days.

2. Does my student have to audition to be accepted?

- Yes, all students are required to audition and meet the requirements for acceptance.

3. Where do I find admissions and audition information?

- You will find everything you need to know on our website www.fwafa.org under the admission tab.

4. What fine arts are offered for auditions?

- Elementary and Middle School students must audition in **two** of the following areas: Visual Arts, Theater, Dance, or Choir
- High School students must audition in **one** of the following areas: Visual Arts, Dance, Choir, Theater, Musical Theater, or Technical Theater

5. What is required of my student during an audition?

- Requirements for each grade level and fine art can be found at www.fwafa.org under the admissions tab.

6. When will audition results be released?

- Results are typically mailed the third week of March.

7. If my child gets into FWafa, does he/she need to re-audition each year?

- No, your child does not have to re-audition each year.

8. What are the average class sizes at FWafa?

- 3rd through 6th grade class size ranges from 18 to 20 students per class.
- Beginning in 7th grade, students switch classes each period, so class sizes vary. Classes are typically around 18 – 20 students per class, with some classes as small as 8 students and our largest class at 24 students (with the exception of choir classes).

9. How many openings do you have each year and how many people apply?

- This varies greatly from year-to-year and grade-to-grade. The only numbers that are consistent every year are 60 openings for 3rd grade. Any other openings depend on current students' enrollment decisions.
- The number of auditioning applicants also varies; therefore, we are not able to provide consistent data on that topic.

10. What curriculum does FWafa use?

- Although we specialize in fine arts, we put a premium on a high-quality, college-preparatory education. The curriculum at FWafa is locally developed and TEKS-based. It is aligned throughout grade levels and is open to individual teacher creativity in the classroom. Teachers are encouraged to integrate aspects of the arts in academic courses.
- Several of our high school classes are Advanced Placement and therefore, must have a College Board-approved curriculum.

11. What time is the school day?

- Our day begins at 8:00 am and ends at 3:45 pm. This is a longer school day than most area schools in order to accommodate additional fine arts in our students' school day.

12. Is there tuition?

- No. As a public charter school there is no charge for students to attend.

13. Do you charge activity fees?

- Yes, we assess activity fees based upon the extracurricular activities a student participates in and the actual costs involved in that activity.

14. Does FWAFA have a uniform requirement?

- Yes. All uniforms must be purchased at our preferred vendor, Academy Uniforms. Please see our website www.fwafa.org for more details in the student handbook.

15. Does FWAFA have sports?

- We do have a PE program but we do not have interscholastic sports. Our Fine Art Performances are our "Friday night lights."

16. Does FWAFA provide transportation?

- No, transportation is the parent's responsibility. Although, we do try to provide opportunities for parents to connect with carpools.

17. Does FWAFA have a special education program?

- Yes. We are a public school and, as such, provide special services for qualifying students.

18. Does FWAFA participate in state testing?

- Yes. As a public school, all students participate in the STAAR system.

19. What is your graduation rate and what kinds of colleges do students who graduate from FWAFA get into?

- FWAFA has a 100% graduation rate. Our students attend top universities in the state and across the nation, including Baylor, University of Texas, Texas A&M, TCU, Boston University, Cornell, USC and Stanford. Our students are accepted into fine arts programs in colleges and universities such as Boston Conservatory, Cleveland Institute of Music, Eastman School of Music, New England Conservatory, NYU Tisch School of the Arts, Rhode Island School of Design, San Francisco Conservatory, and Savannah College of Art and Design.

20. Do you have any AP or honors courses?

- All secondary courses are taught at the college-preparatory level. Also, all of our students take AP English Language and Composition and AP English Literature and Composition during their junior and senior years, as well as AP World History and AP US History in 10th and 11th grade. In addition, AP courses are offered in the following subjects: Calculus; Spanish Language; Biology; Music Theory.