

Art Majors at Rush Arts

DANCE

- Comprehensive college preparatory program aimed at preparing students for a life long career in the arts.
- 4 dance content areas: performance and technique, analyzing and critiquing, historical and cultural studies, and creating choreography
- 4 technique forms: ballet (pointe), tap, jazz and modern.
- Through guest artists, readings and videos, students are given the opportunity to experience dance forms from all continents.
- Write about the meaning of the dance work utilizing critical thinking skills.
- Students create, present, and teach their own choreography within class and for performance

THEATRE

- Comprehensive program that focuses on acting, playwriting, directing, designing, and dramatic literature.
- Time split between classroom and theatre.
- State of the art theatre technology (light and sound equipment)
- Opportunity to audition for after-school drama club productions.

VOCAL

- Consists of a full mixed choir, a separate smaller 9th grade choir with music theory, solo performances, and small vocal chamber choir performing contemporary a cappella music.
- Ensembles perform a wide range of music from Classical music to current pop music, including student-selected and arranged pieces.
- Focus on correct vocal and choral technique (breathing, support, voice placement, tone, and resonance)

- Access to music technology lab and 35 acoustic guitars
- Beginner guitar program

INSTRUMENTAL

- Full orchestra, extracurricular jazz ensemble and student-led small ensembles, ranging from string quintets to rock bands.
- Open to students who play flute, oboe, clarinet, bassoon, bass clarinet, saxophone, French Horn, trumpet, trombone, baritone, tuba, violin, viola, cello, bass, piano and percussion.
- Ensembles perform a wide range of music from Classical music to current pop music, including student-selected and arranged pieces.
- Only music technology lab in the School District of Philadelphia, equipped with industry standard recording software and equipment, and MIDI keyboards at each student computer.
- Students receive weekly lessons during the school day from music teachers on their instruments.

VISUAL ARTS

- Students audition for the Visual Arts major via portfolio review and still-life drawing
- 3 areas to Visual Arts major: Fine (painting, drawing, sculpture, ceramics), Graphic (illustration and graphic design), Media (photography and video)
- All incoming (new) students begin in Foundation Fine Arts course
- Specialize in upper years (10th, 11th, & 12th)
- 5 state of the art studios including 2 computer labs with Adobe CS4 software
- Various community partnerships (Big Picture Alliance, Studio Incamminati, various area universities)