

# The High School for the Performing and Visual Arts (HSPVA)

## Houston Independent School District

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## School Profile

### 2015-2016

## District and Community

Houston ISD, with more than 202,000 students and encompassing 301 square miles within greater Houston, is the seventh-largest public-school system in the nation and the largest in Texas. HISD is among the largest employers in Houston, with approximately 29,255 full and part-time employees. Most HISD personnel are assigned to schools and deliver services directly to students on a day-to-day basis. Its schools are dedicated to giving every student the best possible education through an intensive core curriculum and specialized, challenging instructional and career programs. The district is extremely diverse with the following ethnic student breakdown: 63% Hispanic, 25% African American, 8% White, 4% Asian and 81% economically-disadvantaged.

## The School

HSPVA evolved in 1971 from a realization that gifted young artists need highly specialized and rigorous training in the arts to be prepared for the intense competition they will meet in colleges, conservatories, and the professional arts world. The creation of HSPVA represented the first attempt by any public high school in the nation to correlate an academic program with concentrated training in the arts. Also, it was one of only three public schools in the nation to offer programs in both the visual and performing arts, and the first such institution in the Southwest. For HISD, the formation of HSPVA represented a dramatic departure from traditional comprehensive programs. HSPVA is fully accredited and offers the same academic curriculum and graduation requirements as all HISD high schools; the major difference in the academic program is that we offer the added ingredient of correlating the arts with academics, rather than treating either as isolated disciplines. The school schedule is an alternating A/B block schedule with classes meeting for 1.5 hours every other day with the exception of first period which meets every day for 45 minutes. Students spend three hours every day in rigorous focused study in one art discipline with the balance of the day's study in academics. All students must audition for placement at HSPVA.

## School Administration

Dr. R. Scott Allen, Principal  
 Mr. Oscar Perez, Assistant Principal  
 Mercy Alonso-Rodriguez, Assistant Principal  
 Travis Springfield, Lead Counselor  
 Jacqueline Morrow, Counselor  
 Nancy Love, Registrar  
 Marian Mabry, Magnet Coordinator  
 Alene Coggin, Executive Director-HSPVA Friends

## School Recognition

Nationally Recognized Blue Ribbon School  
 2012-2015 Exemplary School of the Arts-Arts School Network  
 Rockefeller Award for Excellence in Arts Education  
 Coca Cola Foundation Distinguished Arts School  
 Grammy Award Winning Music Department  
 Texas Education Agency Exemplary School  
 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, and 2012  
 Children At Risk-Top 10 Schools  
 Top 100 Schools in the Nation  
*US News and World Report*  
 A *Washington Post* Top High School  
 Texas Business and Education Coalition  
 2012 Honor Roll School  
 One of the most recognized High Schools  
 For Presidential Scholars in the Arts in the Nation

## Class of 2015--Achievements

National Merit Scholars-2  
 National Merit Finalists-2  
 National Merit Semi-Finalists-3  
 National Merit Commended Students-9  
 National Hispanic Recognition Program-5  
 NFAA Presidential Scholar Finalists-5

## Scholarships Offered to Class of 2015:

Over \$17,000,000

### Grading Scale

Range	Honors	Regular
A= 90-100	5.0	4.0
B= 80-89	4.0	3.0
C= 75-79	3.0	2.0
D= 70-74	2.0	1.0
F= 0-69	0	0
<b>TRANSCRIPT SYMBOLS</b>		
Q-Pre AP/Honors (honors pts)		
P-AP (honors pts)		

### Class of 2016

#### Grade Distribution

Quartile	GPA Range
1	4.07-4.58
2	3.73-4.07
3	3.22-3.72
4	2.22-3.20

#### Current Enrollment

728

## Honors (Pre-AP) and Advanced Placement Courses

HSPVA offers ten Honors courses (Pre-AP) and eleven Advanced Placement (AP) courses. Enrollment is open to all students and there are no limits on the number of Pre-AP and/or AP courses a student may enroll in each year; however, scheduling conflicts often exist due to fine art area requirements which may prevent a student from taking a desired Pre-AP or AP course. Students taking an AP class are required to take the AP test in May; AP tests are paid for by the Houston ISD.

### PreAP Courses Offered

English I	English II
Geometry	Algebra II
Pre-calculus	Biology
Chemistry	World Geography
Spanish III	French III

### Advanced Placement Courses Offered

English Language	English Literature
Calculus AB	Physics 1 & 2
Biology	World History
US History	US Government
Macroeconomics	Spanish Language
Music Theory	Psychology

### Campus Demographics

White 49%  
 Hispanic 22%  
 African-American 19%  
 Asian 7%  
 Multiple 3%  
 Economically Disadvantaged 15%

### Class of 2015 Post Graduation

#### Class Size-167

4 Year College	80%	134
2 Year College	12%	20
Pursuing Higher Ed	92%	154

HSPVA students are accepted to a wide array of competitive academic and artistic programs across the United States and abroad. Please contact the HSPVA Counseling Department for a comprehensive list of these institutions.

### Advanced Placement Summary Score Report

	2015	2014	2013	2012
<b>Total AP Students</b>	265	270	294	358
<b>Number of Exams</b>	579	586	640	710
<b>AP Students with Scores 3+</b>	219	232	233	201
<b>% of Total AP Students with</b>	83	85.9	79.3	56.1

### Detailed 2015 Advanced Placement Results

Subject	5	4	3	2	1	Total
<b>Music Theory</b>	18	8	0	0	0	26
<b>English Language</b>	22	23	18	16	1	80
<b>English Literature</b>	16	20	14	2	0	52
<b>Macroeconomics</b>	0	6	9	12	18	46
<b>US Government</b>	1	3	5	17	24	50
<b>US History</b>	19	18	12	15	4	68
<b>World History</b>	30	15	7	0	0	52
<b>Calculus AB</b>	14	8	7	4	1	34
<b>Biology</b>	2	18	16	5	2	43
<b>Physics 1</b>	9	20	27	26	30	112
<b>Spanish Language</b>	2	7	5	1		15
<b>Number of Exams</b>	133	146	120	98	82	578
<b>% of Total Exams</b>	23	25	21	17	14	100
<b># of AP Students</b>	101	113	99	74	65	

## SAT Score Summary

	Class of 2013	Class of 2014	Class of 2015
# of Seniors Taking Test	137	149	160
Critical Reading (Middle 50%)	490-620	500-650	500-640
Math (Middle 50%)	490-620	490-650	500-650
Writing (Middle 50%)	470-620	500-640	510-630

## Average ACT Score-24.7

### Average PSAT Scores

**2013-160 Total (CR-M-W)**  
**2014-168 Total (CR-M-W)**  
**2015-169 Total (CR-M-W)**

# Selection of Colleges and Universities Accepting HSPVA Graduates

Adelphi University  
Alvin Ailey Certificate Program  
Arizona State University  
Ball State University  
Baylor University  
Belmont University  
Berklee College of Music  
Boston Conservatory  
Boston University  
California Institute of the Arts  
Carleton College  
City College of New York  
Cleveland Institute of Music  
Colgate College  
Colorado State University  
Columbia University  
Columbia College  
Concordia University  
Cornell College  
Cornell University  
Cornish College of Art  
Culinary Institute of America  
DePaul University  
Drexel University  
Duke University  
Eastman School of Music  
Elon University  
Emerson College  
Florida State University  
Fordham University  
Harvard University  
Hope College  
Houston Baptist University  
Hofstra University  
Howard University  
Ithaca College  
Indiana University  
Johns Hopkins University  
The Julliard School  
Lamar University  
Lewis and Clark College  
Lindenwood University  
Louisiana State University  
Loyola University  
Manhattan School of Music  
Mannes College of Music  
Maryland Institute College of Art  
Memphis College of Art  
Mercer University  
Minneapolis College of Art and Design  
Mount Holyoke College  
Nebraska Wesleyan College  
New England Conservatory of Music  
New School for Jazz and Contemporary Music  
New York Conservatory for Dramatic Arts  
New York Fine Art Academy  
New York University  
Northwestern University  
Oberlin College  
Oberlin Conservatory  
Occidental College  
Ohio State University  
Oberlin College  
Oregon College of Art and Craft  
Pacific Northwest College of Art  
Parsons The New School for Design  
Peabody Institute of Johns Hopkins University  
Pennsylvania State University  
Pepperdine University  
Point Park University  
Princeton University  
Reed College  
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute  
Rhode Island School of Design  
Rice University  
Roger Williams College  
Roosevelt University  
Royal Academy of Music (London)  
Rutgers University  
Santa Fe University of Art and Design  
Sarah Lawrence College  
School of the Art Institute in Chicago  
School of the Museum of Fine Arts Boston  
Skidmore College  
Southern Methodist University  
Southwestern University  
St. Edward's University  
St. John's University  
St. Lawrence University  
St. Olaf College  
Stanford University  
Suffolk University  
Syracuse University  
Texas A&M University  
Texas Christian University  
Texas State University  
Trinity University  
Tufts University  
University of Alabama  
University of Arizona  
University of California Los Angeles  
University of Colorado  
University of Evansville  
University of Exeter  
University of Houston  
University of Incarnate Word  
University of Maryland  
University of Massachusetts  
University of Miami  
University of Michigan  
University of Minnesota  
University of North Carolina  
University of Northern Arizona  
University of Notre Dame  
University of Oklahoma  
University of Pennsylvania  
University of Puget Sound  
University of Southern California  
University of Texas  
University of the Arts - Philadelphia  
Vanderbilt University  
Vassar College  
Webster Conservatory  
Webster University  
Wesleyan University  
Wheaton College  
Whitman College  
William Carey University  
Yale University  
Zurich Conservatory (Switzerland)