



Kinder High School  
for the  
Performing and  
Visual Arts

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## District and Community

Houston ISD, with more than 189,934 students and encompassing 333 square miles within greater Houston, is the eighth-largest public-school system in the nation and the largest in Texas. HISD is among the largest employers in Houston, with approximately 27,197 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: 62% Hispanic, 22% Black/ African American, 10% White, 5% Asian and 80% 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 Houston ISD, the formation of HSPVA represented a dramatic departure from traditional comprehensive programs. In 2019, the school transitioned to our new building in downtown Houston and was renamed Kinder High School for the Performing and Visual Arts. Kinder 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 Kinder HSPVA and are accepted to a single art area of focus.***

Grading Scale		
Range	Weighted	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
TRANSCRIPT SYMBOLS		
Q-PreAP (honors pts)		
:H-HISD Advanced (honors pts)		
P-AP (honors pts)		

Current Enrollment - 776

Seniors - 197

### GPA and Rank

Kinder HSPVA only reports rank by student request. GPA is weighted on a 4.0 scale and is cumulative including all courses taken for high school credit. All HSPVA art area courses, which includes 16 credits over four years, are out of 4 points (there are no AP/PreAP/HISD Advanced options for art area courses).

**Highest GPA: 4.5283**

**Lowest GPA: 1.625**

**Median GPA: 4.0175**

# School Profile 2023-2024

## School Administration

Dr. Priscilla Rivas, Principal

Dr. Marlene Blandon-Ohaka, Asst.  
Principal

Oscar Perez, Asst. Principal

Amanda Alexander, Teacher Specialist

Christy Farris, Counselor

Becky Johnson, Counselor

Dan McCommis, Registrar

Jonathan Klein, Magnet Coordinator

## School Recognition

2023 Niche Ratings

#3 Best Public School in the Houston area

#9 Best Public High Schools in Texas

A+ Overall Grade

US News and World Report 2023 - 2024  
Rankings

#4 Public High School in Houston, TX Metro  
#12 in Texas High Schools

Grammy Award Winning Music Department

Texas Education Agency "A" Overall Rating  
(97 out of 100)

Young Arts 2023  
12 Award Winners  
(out of 720 national winners)

32 students recognized as  
U.S. Presidential Scholars in the Arts

## Class of 2023

### Achievements

(Graduates)

National Merit Scholar - 1

National Merit Finalists - 4

National Merit Semifinalists - 4

National Merit Commended Students -  
15

AP Scholars - 26

AP Scholars with Honor - 31

AP Scholars with Distinction - 66

## Class of 2023

### Scholarships Offered

\$21,006,919

## **Honors (Pre-AP or HISD Advanced), and Advanced Placement Courses**

Kinder HSPVA offers three HISD Advanced, six Pre-Advanced Placement (PreAP), and seventeen Advanced Placement (AP) courses. Enrollment is open to all students; however, required campus arts programming **only allows five academic courses to be taken annually**. In addition, scheduling conflicts often exist due to fine art area requirements which may prevent a student from taking a desired HADV, PreAP, or AP course. Students taking AP are required to take the exam in May & AP test fees are paid by Houston ISD.

### **HISD Advanced Courses Offered**

World Geography  
French III  
Spanish III

### **PreAP Courses Offered**

English I      English II  
Geometry      Algebra 2  
Chemistry      Biology

### **Advanced Placement Courses Offered (2023-2024)**

English Language	English Literature	Calculus AB	Physics C: M
Macroeconomics	European History	Biology	Physics C: E&M
Statistics	Chemistry	World History	Spanish Literature
Music Theory	US History	US Government	
Spanish Language	Psychology	Precalculus	

### **Campus Demographics**

White 36.3%  
Hispanic or Latino 29%  
Black/African American 18.7%  
Asian 9.3%  
Pacific Islander <1%  
American Indian/Alaskan Native <1%  
Two or More Races 6.2%  
Economically Disadvantaged 16%

### **Class of 2023 Post Graduation Plans**

#### **Class Size - 191**

Acceptance Rate	179	94%
4 Year College	170	89%
2 Year College	9	4.7%
Pursuing Higher Education	179	94%
Gap Year	9	4.7%
Out of State	104	54%
Military	1	.5%

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

### **Advanced Placement Summary Score Report**

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
<b>Total AP</b>	390	387	392	357	355
<b>Number of</b>	860	890	864	884	852
<b>Exams with 3+</b>	645	605	617	755	733
<b>% of Total AP Students with 3+</b>	75%	68%	72%	85.4%	82%

### **Detailed 2023 Advanced Placement Results**

Subject	5	4	3	2	1	ALL
Music Theory	18	7	3	0	0	28
English Lang	19	41	47	33	2	142
English Lit	33	39	39	4	4	119
Macro Eco	11	18	20	30	27	106
US Government	8	11	29	25	32	105
US History	18	8	8	5	1	40
World History	25	13	9	0	0	47
Euro History	11	4	2	1	0	18
Calculus AB	9	6	15	9	0	39
Biology	11	11	8	4	2	36
Psychology	14	23	7	7	6	57
Chemistry	8	14	8	1	0	31
Statistics	4	11	18	7	13	53
Spanish Lang	6	10	11	1	0	28
<b>Number of</b>	195	217	225	128	87	851
<b>% of Total</b>	22.9	25	26	14	10	100

## **SAT Score Summary - (Middle 50%)**

2023 Mean Score - 167	Class of 2021	Class of 2022	Class of 2023
# of Seniors Taking Test	129	186	196
Critical Reading/ERW	600-690	550-680	550 -660
Math	600-690	520-630	510-620
Writing	30-34	27-34	28-34

### **2023 Mean ACT Score-28.1**

#### **Average PSAT Scores**

**2020-1186 Total (ERW-M)**

**2021- 1166 Total (ERW-M)**

**2022-1095 Total (ERW-M)**