



Kinder High School  
for the  
Performing and  
Visual Arts

# School Profile 2020-2021

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## District and Community

Houston ISD, with more than 209,000 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 27,395 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, 24% African American, 9% White, 4% Asian and 75% 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.**

## School Administration

Dr. R. Scott Allen, Principal  
Sean Tellez, Assistant Principal  
Alexandrea Williams, Assistant Principal  
Christy Farris, Counselor  
Becky Johnson, Counselor  
Kim Hines, Registrar  
Jonathan Klein, Magnet Coordinator

## School Recognition

Nationally Recognized Blue-Ribbon School  
2020 Niche Rankings  
Top 5 Best Public High Schools in Houston Area  
A+ Overall Grade  
US News and World Report Best High Schools 2020  
2017-2022 Exemplary School -Arts Schools Network  
Rockefeller Award for Excellence in Arts Education  
Coca-Cola Foundation Distinguished Arts School  
Grammy Award Winning Music Department  
Texas Education Agency "A" Rating 2018-2019  
Texas Education Agency Exemplary School  
2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, and 2012  
One of the most recognized High Schools  
For Presidential Scholars in the Arts in the Nation

## Class of 2020--Achievements

(185 Graduates)

National Merit Scholars-5  
National Merit Finalists-4  
National Merit Commended Students-11  
National Hispanic Recognition Program-7  
AP Scholars-32  
AP Scholars with Honor-14  
AP Scholars with Distinction-48  
National AP Scholars-14

## 2020 Scholarships Offered

Over \$25,254,072

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-Pre-AP/Honors (honors pts)		
P-AP (honors pts)		

Current Enrollment-798  
Seniors-181

## 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/honors options for art area courses).

Highest GPA: 4.56  
Lowest GPA: 2.57  
Median GPA: 3.94

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

Kinder HSPVA offers ten Honors courses (Pre-AP) and sixteen 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 Pre-AP or AP course. Students taking AP are required to take the exam in May & AP test fees are paid by Houston ISD.

### Pre-AP Courses Offered

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

### Advanced Placement Courses Offered (2018-2019)

English Language	English Literature	Macroeconomics
Calculus AB	Physics C-Mech & EM	Statistics
Biology	World History	Music Theory
US History	US Government	Psychology
Spanish Language	Chemistry	European History

### Campus Demographics

White 38%  
 Hispanic or Latino 27%  
 African-American 17%  
 Asian/Pac. Islander 9%  
 Multiple 5%  
 Economically Disadvantaged 17%

### Class of 2020 Post Graduation Plans

#### Class Size-185

Acceptance Rate	98%	181
4 Year College	90%	167
2 Year College	7%	14
Pursuing Higher Education	98%	181
Gap Year	2%	4
Out of State	43%	80

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 institutions.

### Advanced Placement Summary Score Report

	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
<b>Total AP Students</b>	357	355	326	307	282
<b>Number of Exams</b>	884	852	809	785	689
<b>Exams with 3+</b>	755	733	671	655	557
<b>% of Total AP</b>	85.4%	82%	82.9	83.4	80.9

### Detailed 2020 Advanced Placement Results

Subject	5	4	3	2	1	ALL
Music Theory	10	5	0	0	0	15
English Lang	36	37	30	15	4	122
English Lit	9	20	42	27	10	108
Macro Eco	11	30	16	10	11	78
US Government	22	23	20	13	12	90
US History	33	33	25	14	6	111
World History	20	21	18	8	3	70
Euro History	5	4	3	1	0	13
Calculus AB	8	12	14	8	3	45
Biology	9	11	18	6	3	47
Physics C: EM	6	6	1	5	4	22
Physics C: Mec	6	7	6	0	0	19
Psychology	15	12	11	3	6	47
Chemistry	6	13	5	15	3	42
Statistics	2	7	7	9	6	31
Spanish Lang	5	9	3	0	0	17
<b>Number of</b>	203	250	219	134	71	884
<b>% of Total</b>	23.1	28.5	25	15.3	8	100

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

2019 Mean Score-1228	Class of 2017	Class of 2018	Class of 2019
# of Seniors Taking Test	166	189	175
Critical Reading/ERW	590-700	590-705	590-700
Math	550-670	550-670	550-670
Writing	30-35	30-35	30-35

### 2019 Mean ACT Score- 29

**Average PSAT Scores**  
 2016-1174 Total (ERW-M)  
 2017-1169 Total (ERW-M)  
 2018-1188 Total (ERW-M)  
 2019-1184 Total (ERW-M)  
 2020-1186 Total (ERW-M)