Kinder High School for the Performing and Visual Arts

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Message from the Principal

Welcome to the 2018-2019 school year! This is an exciting year in the life of our school. We begin the year as Kinder High School for the Performing and Visual Arts in our current building and transition to the downtown campus for the spring semester! I am looking forward to Kinder HSPVA’s 47th year being a terrific one. It is my hope that this planner will help you stay organized and up-to-date with your assignments, performances, art shows, rehearsals, and the numerous other events that fill your time throughout the year. When used on a consistent basis, this organizer will help you manage your time and assignments to make this a successful and positive year.

You are a student at Kinder HSPVA because you are one of the most talented young artists in the Houston area! If you find yourself struggling with organization and/or time management, please talk with your art area teachers, a counselor, or an administrator as soon as possible. We want you to be successful in your arts and academics. Organization and planning is the key to doing well at PVA.

It is my hope that the coming months prove to be a most magical time for you at Kinder HSPVA!

Sincerely,

Dr. Allen
Kinder HSPVA Mission Statement

By cultivating both artistic and academic excellence in a diverse environment, Kinder High School for the Performing and Visual Arts builds the confidence and enthusiasm required for an accomplished creative future.

Kinder HSPVA Philosophy

Kinder High School for the Performing and Visual Arts (HSPVA) of the Houston Independent School District 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 Kinder 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 Kinder HSPVA represented a dramatic departure from traditional comprehensive programs. Ultimately the school became the pilot school for today's magnet school concept.

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. All students spend approximately three hours per day in their art areas, and the remainder of the time in academics or electives. The arts offered for in-depth study are: Creative Writing, Dance, Instrumental Music, Theatre, Visual Arts, and Vocal Music.
In addition, Kinder HSPVA is committed to its role as a college preparatory school, making students aware of the variety of opportunities they have for future training at colleges or universities, advanced art institutes, and conservatories.

The school recognizes and values student individuality. It nurtures, without exception, the values of individual accomplishment and independence. Since individual creativity is integral to the production of art, our faculty and staff work with students on an individualized, human level that stimulates intellectual, artistic, and technical originality. We strive to graduate people who can work independently and creatively.

At the same time, Kinder HSPVA places high value on group responsibility, loyalty, and sense of community. In a country that is sustained by a democratic process, a sense of individual worth, coupled with a sense of responsibility to a society, is invaluable. It is to these ends that Kinder HSPVA devotes its energies. In other words, at Kinder HSPVA we don’t have a large set of rules for the march of the same drummer, we have a set of guidelines which are designed to allow for individual freedom as well as respecting other drummer’s rhythms. Students at Kinder HSPVA are treated as individuals in individual situations. There is no single rhythm assigned to Kinder HSPVA.
Visitors
All visitors to the Kinder HSPVA campus must register in the main office and receive a visitor's identification permit. Students may not bring visitors to classes during school hours without prior written approval from an administrator. Any non-staff member who wishes to talk to students must have prior office approval. Failure to receive approval may result in arrest.

Attendance
The Attendance Office monitors absences. Upon returning to school after an absence, students must get a permit from the Attendance Office. A note from the parent/guardian stating the reason for the absence must be submitted to this office within three days of returning to school. Failure to submit a note will result in an unexcused absence. Absences of more than 5 consecutive days require a doctor's note. Students may be returned to their zoned school for excessive absences.

The only acceptable excuses for absences and tardiness are personal illness, sickness or death in the family, quarantine, weather or road conditions making travel dangerous, participation in off-campus activities with prior permission of the principal, emergencies or unusual circumstances recognized by the principal.

Be on time to class! Tardiness will be monitored by your teachers. Three tardies may result in detention or a conduct cut. Excessive tardiness may result in detention, conduct cuts, attendance probation or other consequences, including possible exit from Kinder HSPVA.

Unexcused Tardies
Kinder HSPVA staff will check tardiness as carefully as absences. Three unexcused tardies within a grading period will result in a conduct grade of "S." Six unexcused tardies will result in a conduct grade of "P."
College Visits
Kinder HSPVA will excuse a **maximum** of two days for college visits under the following circumstances:

- The student is a senior whose grade point average and test scores are acceptable to the institution being visited;
- The student has a current average of at least 75 in academic courses and 77 in art, and exemplary conduct;
- Verification of the appointment is provided by the parents in advance of the absence(s);
- Work missed is made up at the convenience of the classroom teachers.

Entering or Leaving the Premises
Students who arrive after 7:50 AM must sign in at the attendance office before entering the 1st period class. **No student is permitted to leave campus once they have arrived on campus until the end of the school day without a verifiable request in writing or by telephone from the parent/guardian. In every case, final permission to leave campus must be granted by an administrator. Leaving the school grounds, or going to a car on or off campus without permission is a violation of the HISD Code of Student Conduct. A student may be referred to a Disciplinary Alternative Educational Program or returned to his/her zoned school for violating this rule.** If a student becomes ill at school, he/she may be excused to go home or to see a doctor after the parent/guardian has been notified by school staff. In the interest of safety for all students, calls to parents regarding illnesses are to be initiated by school staff. Students are NOT to call parents on their cell phones to ask parents to come to school. All dentist and doctor visits must be verified. The attendance office will issue a permit when the student signs out. Students must check out through the Attendance Office and check back in upon return to campus.
**Discipline**

Students are to adhere to HISD’s Code of Student Conduct and Kinder HSPVA’s Entrance Agreement. In addition, Kinder HSPVA has a no-tolerance policy for defacing (e.g., graffiti) or maliciously destroying school property. Students guilty of this offense may be exited immediately. Multiple Level I, II or III offenses (See HISD Code of Student Conduct) will result in detention, conduct cuts, disciplinary probation, suspension, release to an alternative setting, and/or possible referral to the Review Board for exit. In all cases, the Code of Student Conduct and the terms of the Entrance Agreement will be enforced.

**Bus Rules**

HISD provides bus transportation for qualified students. Riding a school bus is a privilege a student may enjoy as long as he or she follows rules and regulations that have been established by HISD. However, if it becomes apparent that the student is not cooperating, the following steps will be initiated:

**First Offense:** The student will be warned and the parents will be informed that the student is not meeting stipulations of the Kinder HSPVA Entrance Agreement. Depending on the seriousness of the offense, a student may lose bus privileges or receive other appropriate sanction.

**Second Offense:** Meeting of parent-student-administrator with appropriate action to follow.

**Third Offense:** The student will be suspended from riding the bus.

Bus drivers are accountable to the school and to the HISD Transportation Department.

**Detention**

Students may be assigned to lunch detention by their teachers for tardies or minor infractions or by an Assistant Principal for more serious infractions. If assigned detention, students must bring a sack lunch, a detention assignment form with parent signature, and a book or assignment to study during the detention period.
**Dress Code**
Students are to dress appropriately for all school activities including the classroom, performances, and other school events. Attire that disrupts the educational process, or jeopardizes the safety of others, is inappropriate. The Assistant Principal will give more specific guidelines as required. Parents are encouraged to support their students as to what would be appropriate for a professional learning community. Students dressed inappropriately will be referred to an Assistant Principal.

**Smoking**
Smoking is a Level III offense (HISD Code of Conduct). Students must not smoke within 300 feet of the school campus. Students may be exited from Kinder HSPVA for violating this policy. This policy includes the use of vape products.

**Cheating**
Kinder HSPVA faculty will give a grade of "0" and a conduct grade of "P" to students who cheat on tests or plagiarize assignments. Further disciplinary consequences may be assigned if there is a recurrent pattern of academic dishonesty.

**Kinder HSPVA Honor Code**
I pledge I have neither given nor received any unauthorized information on this work.
**Library Services**

*Students must sign in and out when using the library.* Library Hours are 7:30 AM to 3:35 PM school days. Large groups of students using the library must be pre-scheduled and accompanied by a teacher. A maximum of five students per class may use the library without a teacher.

Most library materials may be borrowed. Books, CD’s and videos may be checked out for fourteen days. Books labeled CS (Class Set), which are part of the English curriculum, may be checked out for thirty days or until the end of the assignment.

A 10-cent per day fine is issued for late return of all materials. Absence from school does not excuse a student from returning books promptly, or paying the fine.

Payment for a lost book is based upon the cost to replace it. If a lost book is later found, the fine for overdue return will be deducted from the refund. Fines may be issued for damaged material.

**Nursing Services**

To visit the School Nurse, a student must have a Nurse Pass signed by the teacher with the time they left the classroom and the signs/symptoms of illness. Toward the end of the period, a student is to report to the next period and obtain a permit from that teacher who will note if the student is missing a test. A return permit will have the time the student left the Nurse, and will be checked by the teacher upon returning to class. (In case of an emergency, a student will be admitted to the clinic without a permit).

Students should stay home when they are suffering from a cold or influenza-like illness. Cold viruses are highly contagious and close contact among students means they spread quickly. Students who become ill after arrival at school will be sent to the Nursing Office. Students should not call or text parents regarding illness prior to seeing the School Nurse—the Nurse will contact your parents if you cannot be treated and return to class.
No medications (prescription or over the counter) may be taken at school without proper authorization. The ONLY medications that may be self-carried are EPI-PENs and rescue asthma inhalers. Students must have current HISD medication authorization forms completed by the physician and parent on file in the Nursing Office to carry or receive medications on campus. Prescribed medicines must be provided according to policy by parents, and are locked in the Nursing Office. Students should take medications between classes whenever possible.

State law requires, with very few exceptions, that students must provide proof of current immunizations or they may be excluded from school attendance. All students entering District schools for the first time in any grade shall provide evidence of the results of a tuberculosis skin test. Refer any questions to the School Nurse

**General Information**
ANNOUNCEMENTS – Announcements are made daily by members of RPVA. An administrator must approve all announcements.

MAJOR PAPERS AND PROJECTS – Students should keep a copy of composition papers. Due dates for papers, projects and general assignments are set by individual teachers. Classroom policies may differ among teachers. It is the student’s responsibility to know and to adhere to due dates communicated by teachers.
Directory Information
The following types of Directory Information may be released unless the school has been notified in writing by September 7, 2018.

- Student's name and address
- Telephone number / Date and place of birth
- Major field of study
- Participation in officially recognized activities
- Dates of attendance / Awards received

Fire Drill and Emergency Exit Procedures
Safety is of paramount concern at Kinder HSPVA. Each classroom has exit procedures and routes posted in case of fire or other emergency. Evacuation is practiced monthly. During drills or a real emergency the building must be evacuated as swiftly, quietly, and orderly as possible via the nearest clear exit. Students and staff will assemble in designated locations away from the building. Other information concerning student safety will be distributed as appropriate in classrooms and through general announcements.

Lockers
Students receive locker assignments during registration and must provide their own combination lock (locks built in at 790 Austin St. Campus). Locker number and combination must be on file in the office. For security of belongings, lockers must have a lock. Kinder HSPVA is not responsible for items missing from lockers. Students are asked NOT to share lockers. Students are responsible for the lockers assigned to them, including the contents.

Lost and Found
Lost and Found is located in the Library. Lost textbooks can be retrieved from the Library. Lost library books are returned to the library.
Lunch
Kinder HSPVA has one lunch period. At the Stanford campus, students may dine in the Commons Area, first floor hallways, front or back picnic areas, courtyard, or outdoor classroom. On the Austin campus, students may dine in the Commons Area, first floor hallways, front bus lane or back outdoor eating area, or the fifth level student outdoor terrace. Students are free to choose their area but are responsible for bussing their own trash. Students who do not keep their lunch area clean may lose the privilege of eating in the area of their choice. There is no food allowed on the second, third, or fourth floors at any time of day.

Make Up Exams
Make up tests are generally scheduled individually. Arrangements are to be made with subject teachers.

Parking
At the Stanford campus students driving to school are expected to park in the two student parking lots. A Kinder HSPVA sticker must be obtained from the Assistant Principal for a $150.00 fee for the 2018-2019 school year. At the Austin campus, students must have a parking permit to park in the underground parking garage. These stickers must be displayed on the student's car. Students choosing to park on the streets or lots around either building are doing so at their own risk.

Posting of Approved Materials
- All posters must be approved by an administrator.
- Approved posters may be posted on bulletin boards only. No posters will be taped or stapled to painted surfaces.
- Senior students may post announcements for a scheduled senior recital on bulletin boards only. The largest size that can be posted is 8.5” by 14” (legal sized paper).
Probation and Exit
Kinder HSPVA students are expected to maintain a minimum Art Area Average of 77%, pass all academic classes, maintain good conduct, and meet all other expectations specified in the Kinder HSPVA Entrance Agreement. Failure to meet these expectations may result in a parent/student/administrator conference. Students may be placed on art area, academic, and/or disciplinary probation and receive a Growth Plan if expectations are not met. Failure to fulfill the terms of the Growth Plan may result in the student’s exit from Kinder HSPVA.

Sports
At the Stanford campus, the outdoor classroom is available during lunch for basketball and soccer only. At the Austin campus, the front bus lane is available during lunch for basketball only. Other sports are NOT allowed anywhere on campus.

Telephone Calls
Office phones must be kept free for incoming calls and for the professional use of teachers and staff. Kinder HSPVA’s main number for all incoming calls is (713) 942-1960. Students may use personal cell phones ONLY before and after school hours and during lunch. Use of cell phones in a manner that disrupts the educational process will result in disciplinary action and confiscation of the phone. Per the code of student conduct, there is a $15.00 fee to retrieve the phone after confiscation.
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Final Exam Exemption Policy
Seniors are eligible to exempt all of their spring semester finals.

Juniors and Sophomores may exempt 2 and Freshman 1 as long as they meet the following requirements:
- No more than 3 excused absences and no unexcused absences for the year in the combined ADA periods 2 and 6
- No more than 3 excused absences for the year and no unexcused absences for the class in which exemption is sought
- An minimum average of 85 for the 4th, 5th, and 6th six weeks
- Discretion of the teacher

Graduation Cords
Graduation Cords can be earned and worn only in the following categories:
- Honors for Art Area
- Honors for Academic
- National Honor Society
- Spanish National Honor Society

Eligibility for All School Productions
Students must meet UIL eligibility requirements, regardless of the status of the course (pre-AP or Advanced Placement), in order to rehearse or perform. In extenuating circumstances, a student may appeal their eligibility for failing grades in pre-AP or AP courses only. This appeal is made to the appropriate Assistant Principal within one week of the date the student is no longer eligible.
Senior Fees
Kinder HSPVA recognizes that sometimes there are financial issues that certain families face. Students are strongly encouraged to begin paying senior fees on a monthly basis to make senior fees more affordable. If a senior meets both of the following conditions, a senior may have their senior fees reduced or exempted, upon approval of the principal. The appeal for this reduction is initiated with the student’s counselor.

- The student has applied for and been approved free or reduced lunch.
- The appeal is made by October 5, 2018.

School Fees
Any pupil or his or her parent or guardian who is unable to pay any deposit or fee required for school activities may request a waiver of the deposit or fee by contacting an Assistant Principal and providing evidence of the inability to pay.

**Kinder HSPVA Bell Schedule**

**First Bell**  7:45  
**Period 1**  7:50 - 8:40  
**Period 2/6**  8:45 - 10:10  
**Period 3/7**  10:15 - 11:35  
**Advocacy**  11:40 - 12:10  
**Lunch**  12:10 - 12:50  
**Period 4/8**  12:55 - 2:15  
**Period 5/9**  2:20 - 3:40  
**Dismissal**  3:40
Credit Recovery for Excessive Absences

Once a student has reached excessive absences for a course (as defined by HISD policy), credit is denied and an asterisk appears on the student’s report card. This is triggered by the fourth unexcused absence in a 90 minute class and the eighth unexcused absence in a first period class. This can be appealed and credit is recovered by a serving of community service. Community service hours required are in the table below: *(Students are reminded that excuses are due within three days of returning to school).*

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Except for seniors in the spring semester, the community service is done the following semester only. Community service not performed in this time line results in denial of credit. Seniors in spring semester must perform their community service before the graduation date or credit will be denied. Check with the registrar to complete the necessary paperwork.
Audience Etiquette

1. Do not enter during a performance. If it is impossible to be seated before a program begins, wait quietly in the lobby or entrance aisles until a number has been completed or until intermission. Turn off cell phones and pagers.

2. Do not leave during a performance. If necessity demands you leaving early, do so between numbers or at an intermission, and do it as inconspicuously as possible.

3. Do not bring food or beverages into the Denney Theatre or any other performance area at any time. Drinks sold at the concession stand are to be consumed in the Commons.

4. Do not show disrespect for performers by reading, writing, talking, or placing feet on the chairs in front of you. Students will be removed from performances for inappropriate behavior.

5. Do applaud according to the dictates of the type of performance. For example, it is appropriate to applaud a jazz soloist immediately upon the conclusion of the solo, but it is not appropriate to do so between movements of a symphony or sonata.

6. Do be tolerant of performers who may make an error or who may not share your talent and/or opportunity for expression. Assume that each performer is doing his/her best - for indeed, most of them are - and that each one needs your understanding and support.

7. Do refrain from taking flash pictures during a performance. Pictures that do not involve a flash may be taken only with prior approval of the faculty sponsor.

8. Do make every effort to attend performances in art areas other than your own. Each is directly related to the other. None of us can consider ourselves to be artists or educated citizens if our knowledge and experiences are limited to those of only one discipline.

9. No use of electronic devices is permitted.
Laptop use policy (Summarized version)

Non-Negotiable Student Laptop Policies and Expectations:

Be Ready
Bring your fully charged laptop every day.

Be Responsible
Keep your laptop in its case at all times.
Report lost, stolen or damaged laptops immediately.

Be Respectful
Use your laptop during class only as instructed.
Remember your “netiquette.”

Consequences for misuse of laptops
- $25 fee for damaged computers.
  o Screen replacement (first two offenses). Any subsequent broken screen damage will cost $188.
  o Broken or missing keys.
  o Other physical damage.
- $10 for return of confiscated laptops.
  o Laptops that are found unattended anywhere in the building.
  o Laptops that are out of their case for any reason.
  o Laptops confiscated by a teacher for misuse during class time.
- Lost/Stolen Fees:
  - Power cord - $40
  - Strap - $10
  - Case - $38
  - Computer - $1231*

*Students who file a police report for a stolen computer will not be required to pay the lost fee.

The full power up laptop acceptable use policy can be found at www.hspva.org
Entrance Agreement

I (please enter your name, not your student’s), __________, the parent or guardian understand that HISD’s magnet programs and individual schools have a set of established expectations that students and/or parents must meet throughout the school year in order to be successful and remain in the magnet program. Kinder HSPVA provides a pre-professional college preparatory program which focuses on educational experiences in the performing and visual arts. Because of the nature of the program, all students must respond maturely and responsibly to the challenges provided.

HSPVA EXPECTATIONS

Grades
- Maintain an individual class average of 70 or higher in all core classes and an average of 77 or higher in all art area classes.

Attendance
- Maintain regular attendance in accordance with the school’s Student Code of Conduct and Texas Education Code (TEC) Section 25.085 Compulsory School Attendance
- Attend all rehearsals and performances in the art area including those scheduled after school hours.
- Respect school rules concerning the timely drop-off and pick-up of students.

Behavior
- Adhere to the HISD Student Code of Conduct and the Kinder HSPVA Guide for Students, and maintain a conduct grade of ‘S’ or higher.
- Behave in a mature and respectful manner, cooperating with teachers, other professionals and fellow students
- Refrain from excessive tardiness in accordance with the district and school’s Student Code of Conduct
- Not use profanity.
- Not use drugs, tobacco or alcohol. Any illegal substance found in a student’s possession may result in release from HSPVA.
- Respect and care for all equipment, supplies and school property offered for use.
Abide by the rules regarding computer usage set forth in the HISD and Kinder HSPVA Acceptable Use Policy.

Additionally, HSPVA expects that all students:

• are not permitted to leave during the school day without consent of parent or guardian and Kinder HSPVA office approval.
• are responsible for attending classes, arriving promptly and remaining in class throughout the scheduled day.
• must sign-out with the Attendance Office to receive permission to leave before the regular dismissal time.
• must complete all required class work and do so independently.
• must make-up all work missed within five school days following the return to class after an absence.
• are responsible for lost or damaged property and textbooks.
• must demonstrate continuous and consistent artistic progress.
• must actively participate in ALL ART AREA classes and activities. Consistent inability to participate due to ineligibility, illness or injury may result in a student losing his or her place at Kinder HSPVA at the end of the year.
• prioritize participation in Kinder HSPVA performances above non-school organizations.

Student Initials: _____________  Parent Initials: _____________

Students who do not meet these program expectations or whose parents do not meet program expectations are placed on an HISD Magnet Growth Plan for a minimum of one grading cycle. The growth plan is intended to help students and parents successfully meet program expectations. A growth plan committee comprised of campus professionals and parent(s) will evaluate progress on this plan at the end of the specified time period. The growth plan is reviewed each grading cycle that it remains in place, and it is used to determine if the student should continue at Kinder HSPVA the following school year. All Magnet transfers are for one year and may only be denied at the end of the year.

Throughout the school year, students may be highlighted in efforts to promote Kinder HSPVA activities and achievements. My child and their creative work may be featured in materials to increase public awareness of Kinder HSPVA. I give permission for my child’s photo/image/words/creative and written work to be used in print,
video or on the Kinder HSPVA website and social media in promotion of the school and its programs.

PLEASE NOTE:

- A magnet transfer is a one-year commitment. A recommendation from the growth plan committee could result in a student losing his or her place at Kinder HSPVA at the end of the year and returning to their zoned or another choice school at the beginning of the next school year.
- All students are limited to a single transfer each school year.
- Should the child choose to leave the program voluntarily before the end of the school year, he or she may return only to their zoned campus. A voluntary exit form must be completed if a student withdraws from the program before the end of the year.

Please check one of the following:

☐ I have accepted the seat online
☐ Please accept the seat on my behalf  Parent Initial ______

We agree to adhere to the program expectations and policies as outlined in this agreement.

__________________________________________________________________
Student Signature/Date                Parent/Legal Guardian Signature/Date