



Kinder High School for the
Performing and Visual Arts

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Dear Incoming Families,

Welcome to the vibrant and dynamic community of the HSPVA Vocal Department! We are thrilled to have you join us on this exciting journey of musical exploration and growth.

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As you embark on your journey with us, we want to emphasize the importance of outside study. If you are already engaged in voice lessons and/or piano lessons, we encourage you to continue. These foundational skills will not only enhance your musical abilities but also provide you with the tools necessary to excel in our program. If you are not currently studying outside of school, we will take the lead on setting the foundation this year and can provide a list of outside resources later.

It is essential to remember that the first two years of our program are classically focused. This classical foundation lays the groundwork for future artistic endeavors and ensures a well-rounded musical education. Whether you're just beginning your musical journey or coming to us with years of experience, our dedicated faculty will meet you where you are and guide you through each step of the process.

As we prepare for the upcoming academic year, we encourage you to utilize resources such as [musictheory.net](https://www.musictheory.net) and [sightreadingfactory.com](https://www.sightreadingfactory.com) over the summer. These platforms offer invaluable tools for strengthening your musical understanding and sight-reading skills, which are essential for success in our program. We use the Eastman counting system, moveable Do, and La minor for music literacy.

Please remember that while we meet all students where they are, our program moves fast. Dedication, discipline, and a willingness to learn are key ingredients for success in the HSPVA Vocal Department.

We are excited to embark on this musical journey together and look forward to witnessing the growth and achievements of every one of our students. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to us.

Warm regards,

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